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## Lost in translation

No, Australian soldiers aren't banned from using slang around US Marines

By CHAD GARLAND  
Stars and Stripes

Reports of a ban on Australian slang might have had some Bruce and Sheilas whinging about watching their gobs around U.S. Marines this summer, but officials say the media accounts weren't fair dinkum, mate.

Aussie troops will be allowed to speak English colloquially, although officials have cautioned that it could cause confusion among their American counterparts, hundreds of whom began arriving last month in the Northern Territory for the eighth and largest annual summer rotation since 2012.

The Marines and sailors, who by July are expected to number 2,500, are slated to take part in several exercises before heading home in October. It's a chance to hone skills and to strengthen ties while working through possible differences in lingo.

"We have lost-in-translation moments more than you would realize," Australian Air Force Group Capt. Stewart Dowrie told the country's 10 Daily last week. "The time to figure that out is not on the battlefield when the bullets are flying."

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Australian Defence Force members enjoy the view on the flight deck of HMAS Canberra as it leaves Brisbane in May 2018.

DANIEL WETZEL/Courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps



## Trump pardons former soldier who was convicted of murdering Iraqi prisoner

By REIS THEBAULT  
The Washington Post

President Donald Trump has pardoned Michael Behenna, a former Army lieutenant who served five years in prison for the murder of an Iraqi prisoner in 2008.

Behenna, who was an Army Ranger in the 101st Airborne Division, was convicted of unpremeditated murder in a combat zone and was sentenced to 25 years after killing Ali Mansur,



Behenna

a detainee and suspected al-Qaida member. Behenna, who stripped Mansur naked, interrogated him without authorization and then shot him twice, has claimed repeatedly that he was acting in self-defense.

In a Monday evening statement, the White House announced Trump's decision to sign an executive grant of clemency, which amounts to a full pardon, citing support from the military community and Oklahoma elected officials, some of whom had

recently renewed a public campaign for the president's order. Behenna, the statement said, was "entirely deserving."

The former soldier, now 35, fought to overturn his conviction on the grounds that the prosecution had hid evidence that would have benefited his case. The judge denied the effort, but Behenna's sentence ultimately was reduced to 15 years, and he was released on parole in 2014. Before Trump's pardon, Behenna faced an-

other five years of parole.

U.S. forces took Mansur into custody shortly after a roadside bomb struck a convoy traveling north of Baghdad, killing two of Behenna's friends and platoon members. An intelligence report linked Mansur to the attack, but he was freed when the military couldn't find conclusive evidence of his involvement, according to Behenna's pardon application.

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## MILITARY

# Translation: Terms Aussies use can confuse GIs, but 'she'll be right'

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For example, the phrase "lucked out" can mean someone benefited from fortune to the Americans or exactly the opposite to the Australians.

Dowrie, deputy commander of Australia's Northern Command, said military training scenarios call for "very prescriptive means of communication."

But something about his comments got tangled when local media reported that the military had forbidden Australian Defense Forces members from using slang during training with the Americans.

"Soldiers have not been banned from using colloquialisms around United States Marines," an ADF spokesman said via email Tuesday. "In the quote ... Group Captain Dowrie uses the potential to misinterpret each nation's everyday language as an example to highlight how training together improves understanding and interoperability."

Denizens of the Down Under take special pride in their patois, and from time to time have expressed anxiety about its erasure. Amanda Laugesen, director of the Australian National Dictionary Center and associate professor at the Australian National University, said in a phone interview.

"It's become part of the Australian identity," she said. There is "a self-perception that we use slang more. ... We certainly kind of celebrate it."

Some phrases can mean both one thing and its opposite. "Good oil," for example, can refer to information that's helpful and true, but in another context it can mean something that's false.

Other terms that might confuse the Americans include "dag," a reference to a socially awkward person, or "bludger," a slacker who depends on others, she said. "She'll be right" isn't about girl power, it means everything will work out fine, so don't "crack the sh-ts" or get angry.

Australian military slang also has a proud tradition.

The informal term "diggers," for example, born during the World War I Gallipoli Campaign to refer to members of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, has become "very entrenched" as part of the ANZAC mythology, she said. It's now commonly used to refer to all Australian servicemembers.

Laugesen has researched the issue of cross-cultural communication, with special attention on the experiences of the country's servicemembers during the world wars.

Sometimes, ANZAC members confounded other English-speaking troops with their language, she said. During World War I, a story was published about a pair of blokes speaking in long strings of aboriginal place names, claiming they were speaking a local tongue, just to mess with British troops.

Later, Aussies felt their culture and its unique expression threatened by the growing influence of Hollywood films, but a 1944 article about American soldiers in the country touts their adoption of local slang and their Australian counterparts' rare adoption of Americanisms, she said.

"When it comes to slang, the Australians can give us a head start and still win," a 1942 instruction booklet issued to U.S. soldiers stated. "Their everyday speech is just about the slangiest of all the brands of English."

An estimated 1 million American servicemembers served on the continent during World War II, according to the 2006 preface to the booklet, titled "Instructions for American Servicemen in Australia," which is available on the Australian Army's website.

The preface cites an American servicemember who said the locals' tendency to run their words together or shorten them

also made for difficulty understanding them.

Laugesen cited some examples of this habit: Afternoon has become "arvo," service station has become "servo." An ambulance driver is an "ambo."

A glossary in the original WWII-era booklet provides some other "colorful, picturesque" words and phrases — and hints at likely common interests among the troops of both countries, if not a common vocabulary.

Included among the first 20 words are the following selections, some of which appear to have fallen out of use: sheila — a babe; cliner — another babe; sninny — a third babe; shivoo — a party; shikkered — drunk; plonk — cheap wine; shout — to buy drinks for the house; smooze — to pitch woo (to flirt); cobber — pal.

Nowadays, of course, many websites offer lists of Aussie slang for the uninitiated. The Marines may want to brush up.

"The danger in the Australia-U.S. relationship is that we actually assume we mean the same thing," Dowrie said last week.

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# Pardon: 'Michael now gets a clean slate and a second chance at life,' senator says

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Behenna was then ordered to transport Mansur back to his village. Instead, Behenna took him to a secluded railroad culvert and demanded more information from him.

At his 2009 court-martial, Behenna said Mansur had lunged for his weapon during the interrogation.

"I was scared Ali Mansur was going to take my weapon and use it against me," he said then. "This happened very fast."

Since his conviction, Behenna, an Oklahoma native, has won the support of former Gov. Mary Fallin, a Republican; state Attorney General Mike Hunter, a Republican; and more than 30 retired generals and admirals — among them Trump's former special envoy for the Persian Gulf, retired Gen. Anthony Zinni.

Late Monday, Oklahoma's U.S. senators, Republicans James Lankford and Jim Inhofe, praised Trump's decision.

"I'm grateful that the long road for Michael Behenna and his family has finally come to a joyous end," Lankford said in the joint statement. "Michael now gets a clean slate and a second chance at life."

In a 2018 letter to Trump, when Hunter first asked the president to pardon Behenna, Hunter conceded that some of Behenna's actions were "undoubtedly wrong and condemnable."

"But that does not mean he deserves the label 'murderer,'" Hunter wrote, "or the lifelong punishment and stigma that come with being a federal criminal."

On Monday, Hunter applauded Trump and said Behenna has "admitted to his mistakes, has learned from them and deserves to move on."

Behenna recently told The Washington

Post that he was hopeful but cautious about his chances of being pardoned.

"We know we have a president who is very sympathetic to the very difficult situation that soldiers, sailors and Marines were put in during the Iraq and Afghanistan wars," said John Richter, who represented Behenna.

The pardon is the eighth Trump has issued and the first since July, when he granted clemency to the father-and-son cattle ranchers whose case helped spark the 41-day occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Oregon in 2016.

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## MILITARY



EVAN VUCICI/AP

President Donald Trump is given a jersey during the presentation of the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy to the U.S. Military Academy football team Monday. Trump said he is looking to restore waivers for service academy athletes.

## Trump eyes return of waivers for military academy athletes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's proposal to allow athletes at military academies to play professional sports after graduation is actually a return to a policy that was abandoned in 2017.

Trump made the waiver announcement Monday while presenting the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy to the U.S. Military Academy football team during a Rose Garden ceremony.

Trump said that, under the plan he envisions, athletes would "serve their time after they're finished with professional sports." He said that should make recruiting a little easier for the military academies.

Trump's own Defense Department rescinded a policy in 2017 that allowed the best athletes from the military's service academies to go straight to the pros upon graduation instead of having to first serve in active duty.

Then-Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, in an April 2017 memo, said that the service academies "exist to develop future officers," and that graduates would serve as "full-fledged military officers carrying out the normal work and career expectations" of someone

who received an education at the taxpayers' expense.

The Pentagon on Monday was not aware of any impending changes to the Mattis policy.

Under the current framework, athletes have to serve two years of active duty before applying for reserve status to pursue a career in professional sports.

Several Navy football players have gone on to success in the NFL, most notably 1963 Heisman Trophy winner Roger Staubach, a quarterback for the Midshipmen from 1962 to 1964. After serving a tour of duty in Vietnam, he joined the Dallas Cowboys in 1969 and guided the team to a pair of Super Bowl victories.

More recently, Navy quarterback Keenan Reynolds was drafted by the Baltimore Ravens in the sixth round of the 2016 draft after completing a four-year run with the Midshipmen. He played in two games with Seattle last season.

After Reynolds went pro, the Defense Department in 2017 rescinded a year-old policy that allowed military service academy athletes such as Reynolds to play professionally immediately upon graduation.

# Navy again challenges China's claims on reefs

By CAITLIN DOORNBOS  
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YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — The Navy sent two destroyers Monday to challenge China's claims to two reefs it has militarized without internationally recognized authority to do so, according to the Navy.

The USS Preble and USS Chung Hoon sailed within 12 nautical miles of the Gaven and Johnson reefs in the Spratly Islands "to challenge excessive maritime claims and preserve access to the waterways as governed by international law," said Lt. Joe Keiley, a 7th Fleet spokesman.

China first took possession of the reefs in 1988 and has built military infrastructure on them since 2014, according to the Center for Strategic and International Studies Asia Maritime Transparency Initiative.

A United Nations panel in 2016, ruling in a case brought by the Philippines, rejected China's claims to sovereignty over the Spratly Islands. Parts of the same territory are also claimed by the Philippines, Malaysia, Vietnam and Taiwan.

The Spratlys, a cluster of more than 100 small islands and reefs, together measure less than 3.1 square miles. They encompass desirable fishing grounds and oil and gas deposits, according to the Council on Foreign Relations, a nonpartisan think tank.

The region has become an arena for displays of power projection.

"We conduct routine and regular freedom-of-navigation operations as we have done in the past and will continue to in the future," Keiley said in a statement Tuesday. "FONOPs are not about any one country, nor are they about making political statements."

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang at a Monday press conference said the Chinese Navy "warned off" the Preble and Chung Hoon as they sailed by the reefs, accord-



BYRON NIEGEL/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

The USS Preble, shown last month in the Philippine Sea, took part in its second publicized freedom-of-navigation operation near the Spratly Islands in the South China Sea on Monday.

ing to a transcript of the briefing.

"The trespass of US warships is a violation of China's sovereignty," Shuang said. "It undermines peace, security and good order in the relevant waters. China deplores and firmly opposes such moves."

Shuang called the so-called freedom-of-navigation operations "provocations" during the press briefing, urging the U.S. to end them and "respect China's sovereignty and security interests and regional countries' efforts to safeguard peace and stability in the South China Sea."

"China will continue to take all necessary measures to defend national sovereignty and security, and safeguard peace and stability

in the South China Sea," Shuang said, according to the transcript.

The Monday mission was the third of its kind and seventh overall freedom-of-navigation operation challenging Chinese claims this year.

The USS McCampbell destroyer sailed within 12 nautical miles of the Paracel Islands in January, and the Preble and destroyer USS Spruance passed within 12 nautical miles of the Spratlys in February.

The Navy has also sent ships on freedom-of-navigation operations through the Taiwan Strait four times this year, most recently on April 28.

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## Chinese businesses could gain footholds in the Philippines

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Chinese businesses are still in the running to take over a Subic Bay shipyard and could soon also control nearly 2 square miles of what was once America's largest air base in the Philippines, according to local media reports.

Philippines Trade Secretary Ramon Lopez said the government would not, and could not, block Chinese offers to buy Subic Bay shipbuilder Hanjin Philippines, which has defaulted on \$1.3 billion in loans, according to an April 25 Reuters news agency report.

Meanwhile, a Philippine government spokesman told the Asia Times on April

27 that China will build an industrial park on the former Clark Air Base, north of Manila.

The industrial park project, which, according to CNN Philippines would encompass almost 2 square miles of the site, was first announced in a joint statement by Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte and Chinese President Xi Jinping in November.

"The two sides will speed up the implementation of the Philippines-China Industrial Park Development Program, which was signed during this visit, and will continue to provide an enabling environment for their enterprises to invest in each other's country," the statement said.

The moves are symbolic, Patricio Abina-

les, a Philippines expert at the University of Hawaii, said in an email Tuesday.

"It is intended to show the US how much the Philippines is under [China's] sway, this despite a majority of Filipinos remaining pro-American," he said.

Subic Bay, once known as Naval Base Sulu Bay, was home to thousands of U.S. sailors and their families before the Navy left in 1992. It's still a regular port call for the U.S. warships and Marines who practice beach landings nearby in Zambales province.

Subic's importance has grown in recent years amid Chinese efforts to build military facilities on artificial islands and claim sovereignty over territory to the west in the South China Sea.

Clark, home to thousands of American airmen and their families before the 1991 eruption of Mount Pinatubo badly damaged the facility, is still a hub for U.S. Air Force and Navy planes operating in the Philippines.

The Chinese commercial moves send a message to Duterte critics that China can do what it likes in the Philippines, Abinales said.

"There will be protests, but unless the business sector puts its foot down (which I doubt it will), Duterte will continue with this sell-out to China," he said.

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## MILITARY

# US-Iran tensions up

## Anniversary of US withdrawal from nuclear deal comes on heels of announced carrier deployment

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DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — A sudden White House announcement that a U.S. aircraft carrier and a bomber wing would be deployed in the Persian Gulf to counter Iran comes just days ahead of the anniversary of President Donald Trump's decision to withdraw America from Tehran's nuclear deal.

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani is said to be planning a speech Wednesday on the anniversary to discuss the next steps Tehran will take in confronting the U.S. Officials in the Islamic Republic previously warned that Iran might increase its uranium enrichment, potentially pulling away from a deal it has sought to salvage for months.

The military has almost always had an aircraft carrier in the Persian Gulf as part of its sprawling military presence in the strategic region, but had begun to scale back its presence as the air campaign against Islamic State in Iraq and Syria wound down.

Sunday night's statement from national security adviser John Bolton said the USS Abraham Lincoln, other ships in the carrier's strike group and a bomber wing would deploy to the Mideast. The Washington Post reported Tuesday that the Air Force bombers heading there are B-52s.

Bolton blamed "a number of troubling and escalatory indications and warnings," without elaborating.

"The United States is not seeking war with the Iranian regime, but we are fully prepared to respond to any attack, whether

by proxy, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps or regular Iranian forces," Bolton said.

In Iran, the semiofficial ISNA news agency on Monday quoted an anonymous official as saying that Rouhani planned a broadcast address Wednesday and may discuss the "counteractions" Tehran will take over America's withdrawal from the nuclear deal. It said Iranian officials have informed their European counterparts — with whom Iran has been trying to salvage the agreement — of the planned speech.

"Partial and total reduction of some of Iran's commitments and resumption of some nuclear activities which were ceased following (the deal) are the first step," ISNA said. Iranian state television and the semiofficial Fars news agency similarly suggested an Iranian response loomed.

A spokesman for Iran's Supreme National Security Council, Keivan Khasravi, also dismissed Bolton's comments as "psychological warfare."

Iran's hard-line Javad newspaper, associated with the Revolutionary Guard, said Wednesday would "ignite the matchstick for burning the deal." It suggested in its Tuesday edition that Iran may install advanced centrifuges at its Natanz facility and begin enrichment at its Fordo facility, activities prohibited under the nuclear deal.

The United Nations' nuclear watchdog says Iran has continued to comply with the terms of the 2015 nuclear deal, which said it limit its enrichment of uranium in exchange for the lifting of economic sanctions. But American sanctions have wreaked havoc on Iran's already anemic



GARRETT LABARGE/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

**An F/A-18F Super Hornet assigned to the "Jolly Rogers" of Strike Fighter Squadron 103 prepares to launch from the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln on Saturday in the Ionian Sea. The Lincoln is being deployed to the Persian Gulf.**

economy, while promised help from European partners in the deal haven't alleviated the pain.

The U.S. last week stopped issuing waivers for countries importing Iranian crude oil, a crucial source of cash for Iran's government.

It's unclear what specific threat American officials perceive coming from Iran. A U.S. official, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity to discuss intelligence matters, said American troops at land and sea could be targeted.

The USS Abraham Lincoln had been in the Mediterranean Sea conducting operations alongside the USS John C. Stennis, another aircraft carrier that has twice been in the Persian Gulf in recent months. However, American military officials have stopped the near-continuous presence of aircraft carriers in the Persian Gulf, a pattern set following the 1991 Gulf War. American air bases spanning the region can scramble fighter jets and drones, lessening the necessity of an aircraft carrier as U.S. officials also worry about China and Russia.

Already in the Persian Gulf is a group

of U.S. Navy warships led by the USS Kearsarge, an amphibious assault ship carrying troops from the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit. The Kearsarge also carries AV-8B Harrier fighter jets, MH-60 helicopters and MV-22 Osprey airplanes.

Across the wider 5th Fleet, there were 17 warships deployed, according to the most recent count by the U.S. Naval Institute, which tracks deployments around the world.

The Bahrain-based 5th Fleet declined to comment on the White House announcement when reached by the AP on Monday.

Also, it remains unclear what bomber wing would be deployed to the region. Typically, the al-Udeid Air Base in Qatar, home to the forward headquarters of the U.S. military's Central Command, hosts such bomber deployments.

In late March, the Air Force acknowledged a rare gap in bomber cover in the Mideast after a squadron of B-1 Lancers left al-Udeid to return to Texas. B-52 bombers also had been deployed to the area to keep up attacks on ISIS, the first time the aging aircraft had deployed to the region in 25 years.

## Retired colonel seeks to clear name in battle over housing benefits

By JOHN VANDIVER  
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — A retired U.S. Army colonel is using the service for refusing to provide records that he said could clear his name, which was tarnished after he was subjected to a criminal investigation over housing allowance payments.

The complaint is the latest twist in a broader battle by a group of Army reservists who say the service wrongly subjected them to criminal probes after they lawfully received dual housing allowances — one for their home of record and one for off-base housing they were ordered to live in while on assignment in Europe.

For several years, reservists deployed to Europe on unaccompanied tours received both allowances to make up for not being able to work the civilian jobs that pay their rents and mortgages.

The dual allowance payments ended abruptly about three years ago, as scores of soldiers were snared in investigations and accused of fraudulently receiving payments.

It remains unclear why the policy changed or who authorized it.

Richard Gulley, a former dep-

uty chief of staff at U.S. Africa Command who retired from the Army Reserve in 2017, said his life continues to be disrupted over past accusations of fraud.

"I have been retired almost two years and it still affects me every day," said Gulley, who was ordered by the Army to pay back more than \$100,000 in housing allowances.

Gulley has filed a complaint against the Army, which he said has refused to comply with a Freedom of Information Act request he submitted in June 2018 for documents connected to several inspector general probes.

The investigations cleared him of wrongdoing in connection with the housing allowance matter, he said.

Gulley, a commercial airline pilot, was charged with fraud and larceny by the Army just before his 2017 retirement but never was prosecuted. Then, in 2018, unbeknownst to him, he said, an additional charge alleging obstruction was added to his file by the Army's Criminal Investigation Command in connection with the housing probe, even though he was already out of the military.

While Army investigators never informed him directly of

the added charge, he faces questioning over the issue every time he passes through customs as part of his job as a pilot. "It doesn't look good, to say the least," Gulley said.

In a complaint filed last Thursday in U.S. District Court in Washington, Gulley seeks a court order to force the Army to release the IG documents.

Nearly one year after his request, the Army has failed to provide the records, which violates FOIA regulations, the complaint states. Various disputes over reservist allowances have become a concern for U.S. Army Europe commander Lt. Gen. Christopher Cavoli.

In August, Cavoli issued a letter to the Army's personnel office that said federal law on reservist housing benefits "seems to entitle these Soldiers to both a basic allowance for housing at home station and an overseas housing allowance in USAREUR if hous-

ing is not available during their tour."

Cavoli asked the Army to review the regulations and, if inconsistencies are found, to modify them to allow reservists without dependents to "receive both housing allowances if required to reside off post," stated the letter, which was obtained by Stars and Stripes.

Meanwhile, a separate federal complaint filed by a group of Army reservists deployed to Europe continues to work its way through the legal system.

Filed in April 2018, the complaint alleges they were wrongly denied housing allowance payments, subjected to humiliating criminal investigations and forced into debt by the service after the Army "willfully disregarded" its own policies by refusing them benefits owed.

Full-time servicemembers normally receive either a stateside basic allowance for housing or an overseas housing allowance; when reservists were ordered to live off post in Europe, they received both allowances.

The benefits are spelled out in the Joint Federal Travel Regulations. "A Service member called/ordered to active duty in support of a contingency operation is

authorized primary residence-based BAH/OBA beginning on the first active duty day ... This rate continues for the duration of the tour." Army regulations reiterate the policy.

The reservists' complaint, filed in U.S. Court of Federal Claims, accused the Army of "gross negligence," saying it caused financial and professional damage by intentionally denying benefits it should have paid. The Army has sought to have the case dismissed.

All filings are in, and we are waiting on the judge's decision with respect to the Army's motion to dismiss," said Patrick Hughes, of the Washington-based Patriots Law Group, which represents the reservists. The Army has claimed the court where the suit was filed lacks jurisdiction, he said.

At least 140 reserve soldiers — and possibly as many as 350 — were caught up in investigations over the past couple years in Europe, the federal complaint says.

The Army has repeatedly declined to comment on the matter, citing the pending litigation.

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Gulley



## MILITARY

# DoD review pits Boeing against Lockheed

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The Pentagon is assessing whether Boeing's heavy-lift helicopter for the Army, the CH-47 Chinook, could replace Lockheed Martin's troubled King Stallion chopper for some or all Marine Corps missions, according to officials.

Boeing has provided the Defense Department information on how the Chinook might be adapted for Marine Corps missions, according to two officials, both of whom asked not to be identified because the information isn't public. Analysts from the Pentagon's independent cost analysis and program assessment group met at Boeing's Philadelphia facility April 25 to review the data, the officials said.

A Pentagon decision to direct the Navy to buy maritime versions of the CH-47 — assuming the chopper can be converted for the rugged, corrosive environment of aircraft carriers and amphibious warfare ships — would be a blow to Bethesda, Md.-based Lockheed. The Navy's plans to buy 200 King Stallions, known as the CH-53K, were a prime motivation for the company's \$9 billion acquisition of Sikorsky Aircraft from United Technologies Corp. in 2015.

Bill Falk, the King Stallion's program director, said he was aware of the review and was confident his company's helicopter remains the Navy's best choice.

"There is simply no other helicopter that comes close to the performance of the CH-53K or that can meet Marine Corps requirements," he said.

That view was echoed by Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Steve Rudder, the service's deputy commandant for aviation, who said the King Stallion is the only aircraft with the heavy-lift capability "to meet future operational requirements."

Boeing's Philadelphia plant and its 4,580 workers would receive a



Courtesy of USAREUR Public Affairs

**Above: A U.S. Army CH-47 Chinook helicopter, produced by Boeing, takes part in a training exercise in Germany in 2014. Below: A CH-53K King Stallion helicopter, produced by Lockheed Martin, appears at the 2018 Berlin Air Show in Germany in 2018. The Pentagon is reportedly considering whether to replace the troubled King Stallion with an adapted version of the Chinook for Marines Corps missions.**



Courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps

major boost if the Pentagon shifted direction given that the Army, in its new five-year budget plan,

proposed halting procurement of 28 CH-47 Chinooks and shifting an estimated \$962 million into a

separate program.

The Pentagon assessment was begun after an April 4 request

from Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman James Inhofe, R-Okla., who cited continuing technical problems and delays with the \$31 billion King Stallion program.

Inhofe's request called for an assessment of the CH-53K's cost, schedule and performance and "an assessment of alternatives for other platforms that might meet the mission," Robert Daigle, director of the cost analysis office, said in an interview last week. The Chinook "is one of those alternatives," he added.

The Pentagon review also comes just before the Navy plans to award a production contract for as many as 14 new King Stallions this month; so far, only two of the planned 200 helicopters are under contract.

"We have a limited amount of time to try and inform that decision as much as possible — so we have a very short window in which to do the best job we can on this analysis," Daigle said. He added that he wants to complete it in "a handful of weeks."

Still, converting the CH-47 for Marine missions would "absolutely not" involve simple modifications, Daigle said. "The analysis we've done so far doesn't suggest that the '47 is actually going to meet the lift that the '53K will provide, so if you were going to go down the '47 route, our current estimate says there will be an operational impact."

## Deceased pets recovered from plane in Florida river

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Deceased pets have been recovered from a chartered jet that ran into a river at a Florida military base.

Naval Air Station Jacksonville said in a statement late Sunday that a dog and two cats were recovered in their carriers from the

Boeing 737 that skidded into the St. Johns River after landing at Naval Air Station Jacksonville.

None of the 143 human passengers and crew members had serious injuries from the landing Friday night.

Despite trying twice, rescuers were unable to remove the pets from the cargo area immediately

after the landing because that section of the plane was underwater. Divers were sent in Sunday to retrieve the animals.

Base officials said another cat that flew in the plane's cabin was safely removed by the cat's owner.

Meanwhile, the operator of the plane on Monday offered \$2,500

to each passenger as a "goodwill gesture."

Miami Air International made the offer to the 136 passengers in an open letter from the airline's CEO expressing regret for what happened. The Boeing 737 was traveling from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, when it landed at the Florida base, skidding into the river.

## Va. police: 3 Navy corpsmen dead in double murder, suicide

Associated Press

PORTSMOUTH, Va. — Authorities in Virginia said they're investigating the shooting deaths of three active-duty sailors in what appears to be a double murder

and suicide.

The Virginian-Pilot reported Tuesday that the two women and one man were Navy corpsmen.

The two women were stationed at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth. The man was stationed at

Camp LeJeune, N.C.

Police said the two women were shot to death at a 7-Eleven in Portsmouth late Saturday night. The man was found with a self-inflicted gunshot wound in a car parked nearby.

Naval Criminal Investigative Service identified the women who died as Shianne Soles, 19, of Veradale, Wash., and Meaghan Burns, 23, from Massachusetts.

NCIS identified the man as Donovan Moora, 22, of New York.

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## NATION

# McConnell to say 'case closed' on Mueller probe

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is declaring "case closed" on the Russia probe and potential obstruction by President Donald Trump.

The Republican leader, in his most significant public comments yet on the investigation, is expected to outline in a Tuesday speech how special counsel Robert Mueller's "exhaustive" probe went on for two years and is now complete. The remarks are being billed as his final thoughts on the topic.

"It's finally over," McConnell is expected to say.

Republicans, taking their cues from Trump, are eager to push past the investigation as Democrats are pressing for further oversight of the White House and the president's handling of the Mueller probe.

McConnell is expected to question if others are ready to move on from the "breathless conspiracy theorizing." The Kentucky senator will suggest he doubts so.

On Tuesday, House Democrats are set to meet with Attorney General William Barr as they negotiate to see a full, unredacted Mueller report.

The House Judiciary Committee is poised to vote to hold Barr in contempt of Congress for the Justice Department's failure to comply with a subpoena to turn over the report and its underlying documents. That vote could happen as soon as Wednesday.

It's the opening salvo in what could be a lengthy, acrimonious court battle between House Democrats and the Trump administration over Mueller's findings.

Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler said late Monday that the hopes to make "concrete progress" toward resolving the dispute over gaining

## Pelosi to Dems: 'Trump is goading us to impeach'

CQ-Roll Call

WASHINGTON — Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Tuesday that President Donald Trump is trying to bait Democrats into starting impeachment proceedings against him because he knows it's divisive.

"Trump is goading us to impeach him. That is what he is doing every single day — taunting, taunting, taunting," the California Democrat said during an event at Cornell University.

Democrats aren't going to fall into that trap, Pelosi suggested.

"We can't impeach him for political reasons, and we can't not impeach him for political reasons. We have to see where the facts take us," she said.

Pelosi said Congress' impeachment power is a justification for Democrats to be allowed access to the unre-

dacted Mueller report and its underlying investigatory materials.

She noted that Mueller decided not to definitively declare that Trump obstructed justice, in part, because of the Justice Department's position that you can't indict a sitting president. In the Mueller report, it says that Congress has other options it can pursue besides indictment.

"We need this information in case we want to exercise other options," Pelosi said.

Regardless of whether Democrats pursue impeachment, they must win the 2020 presidential election, Pelosi said.

"We cannot accept a second term for Donald Trump if we are going to be faithful to our democracy," she said, noting the way to ensure that outcome is taking the fight to the public.

access to the report.

Nadler, D-N.Y., has cited the Justice Department's failure to provide the full text of Mueller's report by the Monday morning deadline. He said Barr's failure to comply with a subpoena left Democrats with "no choice but to initiate contempt proceedings."

The movement to hold Barr in contempt reflects the deepening rift between Democrats and Barr, whom they accuse of spinning the results of Mueller's investigation to Trump's benefit. Barr, in a memo summarizing Mueller's investigation, said there was insufficient evidence that Trump

obstructed justice, a conclusion Democrats fiercely dispute.

Nadler said the version of Mueller's report that has already been released to the public offered "disturbing evidence and analysis that President Trump engaged in obstruction of justice at the highest levels." Now, he said, lawmakers need the full version and the underlying evidence "to determine how to best move forward with oversight, legislation and other constitutional responsibilities."

The committee said contempt proceedings could be postponed if the attorney general makes a



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**Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., is expected to outline in a Tuesday speech how special counsel Robert Mueller's "exhaustive" probe is now complete and doesn't need follow-up.**

"good faith" effort to comply with the committee.

In a possible thaw, Nadler said Monday evening that the Justice Department had agreed to meet with his staff Tuesday.

Justice Department spokeswoman Kerri Kupec said earlier that the department has "taken extraordinary steps to accommodate the House Judiciary Committee's requests for information" regarding Mueller's report but that Nadler had not reciprocated. She noted that Democrats have refused to read a version of Mueller's report with fewer redactions that has already been provided to Congress.

Kupec said that officials were continuing to engage with the committee and that Nadler's staff had been invited to the department "to discuss a mutually acceptable accommodation."

If the committee approves the contempt resolution against Barr, as expected, it would head to the full House for final approval. But that step is unlikely to lead to criminal charges. A House vote would send a criminal referral to the U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia, a Justice Department official who is likely to defend the attorney general.

Yet by pursuing contempt, Democrats hope to send a message to the administration about their willingness to invoke congressional powers in the majority. Beyond Mueller's report, House Democrats have, so far mostly

unsuccessfully, subpoenaed administration witnesses and made efforts to gain access to Trump's personal and business financial records. Trump has said he will block those efforts, declaring he will "fight all the subpoenas."

Democratic House leaders could file a civil lawsuit against the Justice Department to obtain the Mueller report, an option that could take years to resolve. Some committee members have suggested they also could fine Barr as he withholds the information.

They could also open impeachment proceedings against Trump, though House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has said she's not interested in doing that, for now.

Republicans have lambasted the Democratic tactics as overreach and defended Barr. The top Republican on the Judiciary Committee, Rep. Doug Collins, of Georgia, said "Democrats have launched a proxy war smearing the attorney general" when their anger lies with the president.

There is precedent for sitting attorneys general to be held in contempt of Congress. In 2012, the House held then-Attorney General Eric Holder in contempt over a botched gun-tracking operation known as Fast and Furious. Republicans cited the Justice Department's failure to turn over, without any preconditions, documents related to the risky operation. The Justice Department took no action to prosecute the attorney general.

## FBI chief to lawmakers: No evidence agency spied on Trump '16 campaign

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — FBI Director Chris Wray said Tuesday that he does not consider court-approved FBI surveillance to be "spying" and said he has no evidence the FBI illegally monitored President Donald Trump's campaign during the 2016 election.

His comments at a Senate Appropriations subcommittee hearing broke from Attorney General William Barr, who said last month that he believed the Trump campaign had been spied on during an investigation into potential collusion with Russia. Trump seized on that comment as part of his allegation that the

investigation was tainted by law enforcement bias.

Asked by Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-N.H., if he would say the FBI is "spying" when it investigates suspected terrorists and mobsters, Wray replied, "Well, that's not the term I would use."

He added: "I believe that the FBI is engaged in investigative activity, and part of investigative activity includes surveillance activity of different shapes and sizes. And to me, the key question is making sure that's done by the book, consistent with our lawful authorities. That's the key question. Different people use different colloquial phrases."

Wray declined to discuss in detail the FBI's investigation into the Trump campaign because of an ongoing Justice Department inspector general investigation into the origins of the Russia probe. Barr has said he expects the watchdog report to be done in May or June. But asked whether he was aware of evidence that the FBI had illegally spied on the Trump campaign, Wray said, "I don't think I personally have any evidence of that sort."

Barr is also investigating whether there was a proper basis for the FBI to open a counterintelligence probe into ties between the Trump campaign and Russia.



ALEX BRANDON/AP

**FBI Director Christopher Wray told lawmakers on Capitol Hill on Tuesday that he has no evidence the FBI illegally monitored President Donald Trump's campaign during the 2016 election.**

## NATION

## Ga. governor signs early abortion ban

By BEN NADLER  
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Georgia's Republican Gov. Brian Kemp signed legislation on Tuesday banning abortions once a fetal heartbeat can be detected. That can be as early as six weeks, before many women know they're pregnant.

Kemp said he was signing the bill "to ensure that all Georgians have the opportunity to live, grow, learn and prosper in our great state."

The signing caps weeks of tension and protests at the state Capitol, and begins what could be a lengthy and costly legal battle over the law's constitutionality.

But a legal showdown is exactly what supporters are looking for, and Kemp said "we will not back down. We will always continue to fight for life."

Anti-abortion activists and lawmakers across the country, energized by the new conservative majority on the U.S. Supreme Court that includes President Donald Trump appointees Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh, are pushing abortion bans in an attack on the high court's 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling, which legalized abortion nationwide until a fetus is developed enough to live outside a woman's uterus.

Staci Fox, the president and CEO of Planned Parenthood Southeast, said she has "one message for Governor Kemp: We'll see you in court."



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**Demonstrators use signs to express their views on abortion in the lobby of the Georgia State Capitol building in March. Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp signed legislation on Tuesday banning abortions at around six weeks of pregnancy, before many women know they're pregnant.**

Fox's statement says Planned Parenthood also will campaign to unseat the lawmakers who supported the bill: "They will be held accountable for playing politics with women's health."

ACLU of Georgia Legal Director Sean Young told The Associated Press that "under 50 years of Supreme Court precedent, this abortion ban is clearly

unconstitutional."

"Every federal court that has heard a challenge to a similar ban has ruled that it's unconstitutional," Young added.

Under current law, women in Georgia can seek an abortion during the first 20 weeks of a pregnancy. If it's not blocked in court, the new ban would take effect Jan. 1, 2020.

HB 481 makes exceptions in the case of rape and incest — if the woman files a police report first — and to save the life of the mother. It also would allow for abortions when a fetus is determined not to be viable because of serious medical issues.

The bill also deals with alimony, child support and even income tax deductions for fetuses,

declaring that "the full value of a child begins at the point when a detectable human heartbeat exists."

Republican Rep. Ed Setzler, the bill's author, called it a "common sense" measure that seeks to "balance the difficult circumstances women find themselves in with the basic right to life of a child."

But Democratic Sen. Jer Jordan said "there's nothing balanced about it: It's an all-out abortion ban."

Jordan said she is particularly worried that the new law will push obstetricians away from practicing in Georgia, worsening health care outcomes for women in a state that already has one of the nation's worst maternal mortality rates.

In the first few months of 2019, "heartbeat abortion" bans have been signed into law in four states: Mississippi, Kentucky, Ohio, and now Georgia. Lawmakers in a number of other states including Tennessee, Missouri, South Carolina, Florida, Texas, Louisiana and West Virginia are considering similar proposals. A bill that recently passed the Alabama House would outlaw abortions at any stage of pregnancy, with a few narrow exceptions.

According to the Guttmacher Institute, a research group that supports abortion rights, about 33,000 abortions were provided in Georgia in 2014.

## China: Top aide to attend tariff talks in Washington

By JOE McDONALD  
Associated Press

BEIJING — China confirmed Tuesday its economy czar will go to Washington for trade talks despite fears he might cancel after President Donald Trump threatened to escalate a tariff war over Beijing's technology ambitions.

The announcement suggests President Xi Jinping's government is putting its desire to end a conflict that has battered Chinese exporters ahead of the political need to look tough in the face of U.S. pressure.

The decision to have Vice Premier Liu He, Xi's top economic adviser, take part in talks due to start Thursday might keep alive hopes the two biggest global economies could make peace as early as this week.

The Trump administration is pressing Beijing to roll back plans for government-led development of Chinese global competitors in robotics, electric cars and other technologies. Washington, Europe, Japan and other trading partners say those violate China's market-opening commitments



NG HAN GUAN/AP

**Chinese investors watch as the Shanghai Composite Index falls at a brokerage in Beijing on Monday after President Donald Trump threatened more tariffs on Chinese imports Sunday.**

and are based in part on stolen technology.

Trump's announcement Sunday that he would increase tariffs on \$200 billion of Chinese imports to 25% from 10% caused global stock markets to plunge. Markets steadied after a Chinese spokesman said Monday that envoys still were preparing to go to the United States, though there was no word then whether Liu would take part.

On Tuesday, China's main stock market index rose 0.7% and most other Asian markets also rebounded.

The American side is led by Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin.

Washington and Beijing have raised tariffs on billions of dollars of each other's exports, disrupting trade in goods from soybeans to medical equipment. Estimates of lost potential sales so far range as high as \$25 billion.

Both governments have said negotiations were making progress, but Trump expressed frustration Sunday at the pace.

The decision to send Liu to Washington as scheduled shows China "urgently hopes to reach an agreement," said Ma Hong, a professor at Tsinghua University's School of Economics and Management.

"They couldn't abandon it just because of a Twitter comment," said Ma.

## Texas bill adds more armed school personnel

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Nearly a year after a mass shooting at a Texas high school in which eight students and two substitute teachers were killed, lawmakers in the gun-friendly state are close to passing new measures that they say would harden campuses by adding more armed school personnel, beefing up security plans and boosting student mental health resources.

As for restricting gun sales or access to weapons, there's likely no chance of that happening in a state where the Republican leadership has long pledged to protect gun rights. Texas allows the licensed carry of handguns and the unlicensed open carry of long guns, such as assault-style rifles.

"We can make soft targets harder for a person with violent intent to get to, and we can try to find these people earlier, but in Texas leaders are loath to touch the guns themselves," said Cal Jillson, political science professor at Southern Methodist University. "It's part of the broad Texas ethos, the Texas image, this sort of cowboy image from history."

Texas isn't alone in its push to arm more educators. Florida

lawmakers approved increasing the number of armed teachers in response to the February 2018 shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas high school in Parkland that killed 17.

The changes being pushed in Texas include several measures proposed by Gov. Greg Abbott shortly after the May 2018 killings at Santa Fe High School near Houston. The current Texas legislative session is the first for state lawmakers since that event, and Abbott declared school safety one of his top priorities. The session ends May 27.

So far, the state Senate has approved \$100 million for schools to spend on various efforts to "harden" campuses with metal detectors, vehicle barriers, new security doors, shooter alarm systems and myriad other safety measures.

Senators have also passed a sweeping campus safety bill designed to get more mental health counselors into schools and to create "threat assessment teams" that would help identify potentially dangerous students before they act. School districts would also be required to draft campus emergency plans that would be filed with the state.



## NATION

# Refusal to turn over Trump's tax returns sets up legal fight

BY ANDREW TAYLOR  
AND JONATHAN LEMIRE  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin has made it official: The administration will not be turning President Donald Trump's tax returns over to the Democratic-controlled House.

Mnuchin told Ways and Means Committee Chairman Richard

Neal, D-Mass., in a Monday letter that the panel's request "lacks a legitimate legislative purpose" as Supreme Court precedent requires.

In making that determination, Mnuchin said he relied on the advice of the Justice Department. He concluded that the Treasury Department is "not authorized

to disclose the requested returns and return information." He said the Justice Department will provide a more detailed legal justification soon.

The move, which was expected, is sure to set in motion a legal battle over Trump's tax returns. The chief options available to Democrats are to subpoena the IRS for the returns or to file a lawsuit. Last week, Neal promised "we'll be ready" to act soon after Monday's deadline.

Treasury's denial came the day that the House Judiciary panel scheduled a vote for Wednesday on whether to find Attorney General William Barr in contempt of Congress for failing to comply with a subpoena for a full, unredacted copy of special counsel Robert Mueller's report. Fights with other House panels are ongoing.

"I will consult with counsel and determine the appropriate response," Neal said in a statement.

Neal originally demanded access to Trump's tax returns in early April under a law that says

the IRS "shall furnish" the returns of any taxpayer to a handful of top lawmakers, including the chair of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee. He maintains that the committee is looking into the effectiveness of IRS mandatory audits of tax returns of all sitting presidents, a way to justify his claim that the panel has a potential legislative purpose.

Democrats are confident in their legal justification and say Trump is stalling in an attempt to punt the issue past the 2020 election.

The White House and the Republican Senate's attorneys declined to comment on the deadline to turn over Trump's returns.

Mnuchin has said Neal's request would potentially weaponize private tax returns for political purposes.

Trump has privately made clear he has no intention of turning over the much-coveted records. He is the first president his Watergate to decline to make his tax returns public.

"What's unprecedented is this



EVAN VUCCA/AP

**President Donald Trump walks to an event in the Rose Garden on Monday. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said the administration will not hand over Trump's tax returns to the House.**

secretary refusing to comply with our lawful ... request. What's unprecedented is a Justice Department that again sees its role as being bodyguard to the executive and not the rule of law," said Rep. Bill Pascrell, D-N.J.

"What's unprecedented is an entire federal government working in concert to shield a corrupt president from legal accountability."

The president has told those close to him that the attempt to

get his returns was an invasion of his privacy and a further example of what he calls the Democrat-led "witch hunt" — like Mueller's Russia probe — meant to damage him.

Trump has linked the effort to the myriad House probes into his administration and has urged his team to stonewall all requests. He also has inquired about the "loyalty" of the top officials at the IRS, according to one of his advisers.

## Manning won't testify about Wikileaks; seeks release

BY MATTHEW BARAKAT  
Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Former Army intelligence analyst Chelsea Manning said in a new legal motion that she will never testify to a grand jury in Virginia investigating the website Wikileaks, and it therefore makes no sense to continue to keep her in jail for refusing to do so.

Manning has been jailed in Alexandria for two months for refusing to testify to the sitting grand jury. She appealed her incarceration to the federal appeals court in Richmond, but a three-judge panel unanimously rejected her appeal last month.

Now, in a motion filed Monday in Alexandria, Manning argues she has proven she'll



Manning

Manning will ever change her mind about her refusal to cooperate with the grand jury," her lawyers wrote.

Federal law allows a recalcitrant witness to be jailed on civil contempt only if there's

stick to her principles and should therefore be released.

"At this point, given the sacrifices she has already made, her strong principles, her strong and growing support of the community, and the disengagement to her capitulation, it is inconceivable that Chelsea Manning will ever change her mind about her refusal to cooperate with the grand jury," her lawyers wrote.

Federal law allows a recalcitrant witness to be jailed on civil contempt only if there's

a chance that the incarceration will coerce the witness into testifying. If a judge were to determine that incarcerating Manning were punitive rather than coercive, Manning would be set free.

"I can — without any hesitation — state that nothing will convince me to testify before this or any other grand jury for that matter. This experience so far only proves my long held belief that grand juries are simply outdated tools used by the federal government to harass and disrupt political opponents and activists in fishing expeditions," Manning wrote.

She also said she is suffering physical problems related to inadequate follow-up care to gender-reassignment surgery.

Manning served seven years in a military prison for leaking a trove of documents to Wikileaks before her 35-year sentence was commuted by then-President Barack Obama. Since Manning was jailed for contempt, prosecutors in Alexandria have unsealed criminal charges against Wikileaks founder Julian Assange and requested his extradition.

Prosecutors have not yet responded to Manning's most recent motion.

They have previously stated that Manning's claims she is being persecuted by the Trump administration are speculative and that she has the same duty as any other citizen to provide truthful testimony when subpoenaed.

## Muslim American Society investigates 'oversight' after disturbing video

BY KRISTIN E. HOLMES  
The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — A national Muslim group says it will conduct an investigation into an event at a Philadelphia Islamic center last month during which a group of youngsters sang songs it said were not "properly vetted," calling that an "unintended mistake and an oversight."

According to a Middle East monitoring organization, the children read a poem that was about martyrs who "chop off their heads" to "liberate the sorrowful and exalted Al-Aqsa Mosque" in Jerusalem. The youngsters at the Muslim American Society Islamic Center in North Philadelphia are shown in a video speaking

in Arabic during a celebration of "Ummah Day," said the Middle East Media Research Institute.

An English translation of the Arabic is included on the video. The Philadelphia Inquirer has not independently verified the translation.

"While we celebrate the coming together of different cultures and languages, not all songs were properly vetted," the Muslim American Society, based in Washington, said in a statement issued Friday. "This was an unintended mistake and an oversight in which the center and the students are remorseful. MAS will conduct an internal investigation to ensure this does not occur again."

The statement was also posted on the Facebook page of MAS-

Philadelphia Center late Friday night.

Representatives of MAS did not respond to requests for additional comment.

"As a faith-based organization dedicated to moving people to strive for God-consciousness and a just and virtuous society, we affirm our long-standing position on our shared values of humanity. We stand resolutely in our condemnation of hate, bigotry, Islamophobia, xenophobia, racism, anti-Semitism and all the illnesses of hate that plague our society," MAS said in its statement.

According to MEMRI, the youths read, "We will defend the land of divine guidance with our bodies, and we will sacrifice our souls without hesitation." They

also said, "We will lead the army of Allah fulfilling His promise, and we will subject them to eternal torture."

In other videos, students sing songs about the "blood of martyrs" and "Rebels, rebels, rebels."

The videos were posted on the center's Facebook page, the media monitoring group said, but the videos included in the MEMRI report appear to have been taken down from the center's page.

The Anti-Defamation League in Philadelphia called the incident "extremely disturbing."

"Children should not be indoctrinated to hate. These young people should never have been asked to make speeches and dance and lip-sync to songs that

glorify violence against Jews and the State of Israel," the statement read. "The conflict between Israelis and Palestinians is deeply complex and painful on all sides, and the only chance for a peaceful future is to teach our children to pursue peace."

The ADL called another report about the event "misleading." An Arutz Sheva/Israel National News story includes a photo of children in front of what the ADL describes as "a bazooka-wielding extremist," an image that does not appear to have been taken at the Philadelphia event, the ADL statement read. The article also implies that the event occurred at a Philadelphia school when it occurred at a private religious institution.

## MILITARY

# Surreptitious surveillance

Facility at US Air Force base in Florida watches for nuclear explosions worldwide

By RICK NEALE  
Florida Today

INSIDE a secretive Patrick Air Force Base laboratory, Airman 1st Class Cynthia A. Schroll prepared batches of complex chemicals alongside futuristic-looking fume hoods and a white cabinet labeled "Acid" in large red letters.

Wearing blue rubber gloves and a white lab coat, Schroll is a rare breed in the U.S. military: She earned a doctorate in analytical chemistry from the University of Cincinnati. She has written two books. She has a patent in her name.

And Schroll conducts classified lab work at the Air Force Technical Applications Center. The organization detects and analyzes nuclear explosions detonated by foreign countries, utilizing a sprawling network of more than 3,600 sensors deployed around the globe.

"We've got them in space. We've got them at sea. We've got them in the air. We've got them on land on all seven continents, to include Antarctica. And we even work in the cyber domain," said Col. Chad Hartman, who commands AFTAC.

AFTAC is tasked with monitoring nuclear treaty compliance and any "nuclear surprises" from rogue nations or terrorists. Its scientists assisted Iran's nuclear program in 2015 and identified both of North Korea's underground nuclear tests in 2016 — producing reports that made their way to the Oval Office.

The agency also monitored the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear power plant accident in the former Soviet Union, verified North Korea's first nuclear test in 2006 and scrutinized Japan's 2011 Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant disaster.

## Classified lab activities

"We're the only government organization whose primary mission is to do that. To be able to go after that problem set requires an incredible amount of equipment, an incredible amount of capability. That's on a global scale," Hartman said. And yes, he said, some of the best and brightest this nation has to offer," he said.

The AFTAC logo is a lithium atom surrounded by the slogan, "In God We Trust: All Others We Monitor."

March marked the five-year anniversary of AFTAC's \$158 million campus at Patrick AFB — which was the largest construction project in the Air Force at the time. Officials gave Florida Today a rare glimpse inside AFTAC's surreptitious surveillance laboratory.

The tour was the most in-depth media peek since the facility's March 2014 ribbon-cutting ceremony, said Susan Romano, AFTAC's public affairs chief.

Scenes inside AFTAC's state-of-the-art, 38,000-square-foot Ciambrone Radiochemistry Lab resemble settings from a Stanley Kubrick sci-fi movie.

Rotating red lights in hallway ceilings warn that persons without security clearances are present. Technicians wearing white lab coats perform atom-by-atom analyses. Visitors use shoe-cleaning machines and step on white "tacky mats" before entering rooms, ensuring their soles are free of debris.

Charts of the nuclides — resembling periodic tables of elements seen in high school chemistry classrooms — are posted on various walls.

"We use them on a daily basis," said Brett Mapston, flight chief of nuclear measurements.

## 'Nuke sniffer'

Aerial filter samples collected by WC-135 Constant Phoenix "nuclear sniffer" aircraft enter the lab through an exterior door marked "Caution: Radioactive Materials." Encased in white plastic sleeves marked with bar codes, these samples are routed to various rooms for an array of scientific procedures.

In one room, a futuristic, chrome-metal contraption (a thermal ionization mass spectrometer) converts samples into vapor and accelerates them, isolating isotopes of uranium and plutonium. Scientists use these nuclear forensics to collect post-explosion warhead information.

"We can tell you what type it was and what grade it was," said Wesley Schuler, flight chief for mass spectrometry.

Before leaving the Ciambrone Radiochemistry Lab, visitors step inside a Canberra radiation contamination detector for a full body scan. A robotic-sounding woman's voice counts down from 15, then announces, "Clean," when the scan is complete.

At the AFTAC component repair facility, or CRF, airmen tinker with seismometers inside a large shop equipped with work benches, toolboxes, computers, coils and a cornucopia of electronics and wiring.

Romano nicknames these mechanically adept airmen "Mac-



PHOTOS BY SUSAN ROMANO/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

The Air Force Technical Applications Center at Patrick Air Force Base in Brevard County, Fla., monitors nuclear treaty compliance.



Airman 1st Class Cynthia A. Schroll, right, shows some of her work to Nicole Shampaine, deputy chief of mission to international organizations in Vienna, and senior scientist Dr. Bill Johnson at the Air Force radiochemistry lab at Patrick AFB.

Gyvers" after television's secret agent Angus MacGyver. Oxford Dictionaries defines MacGyver as an informal verb: "make or repair (an object) in an improvised or inventive way, making use of whatever items are at hand."

AFTAC's 709th Technical Maintenance Squadron refurbishes the network's seismometers, both in the workshop and in the field. If these devices detect an underground disturbance, they transmit data to the Space Coast for analysis.

Many were designed during the 1950s and '60s, so replacement parts are scarce or must be custom-built, said Douglas Dale, CRF flight chief.

On top of that, Dale cited Moore's Law, which states the number of transistors on a microchip roughly doubles every two years. Seismometers must fit within narrow bore holes, so airmen labor to keep computerized components up to date.

Master Sgt. Joseph King estimated AFTAC airmen can

fabricate about 200 different components. In 2011-12, he trekked to frozen Antarctica to maintain diesel generators, heaters and solar panels at two unmanned sensor sites.

King has also helped install 10 seismometers at AFTAC's array in Morocco, at the edge of the Sahara Desert in North Africa.

"The young men and women who work in that shop have global responsibilities for maintaining that equipment, all over the world. They go to some of the most remote places on the planet," said Jim Whidden, AFTAC director of staff.

## Seismically quiet

"They are remote because it's important for the sites that we select to be seismically quiet so that the data has as little background noise as humanly possible. So that what we see is literally just the earth shaking, and we don't have cultural noise. There are no highways or construction activities or

railroads nearby," Whidden said. "And these sites are literally out in the middle of nowhere."

The original AFTAC building at Patrick AFB dated to the 1950s. This outdated, asbestos-ridden structure sat closer to State Road A1A and was deemed vulnerable to attack after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorism attacks.

Much of the iconic structure — which was fronted by a row of display rockets during the space race — fell to the wrecking ball by spring 2016.

Today, Chief Master Sgt. Michael Joseph is AFTAC's command chief. He and Hartman agree on their mission's key challenge amid the digital job market: recruiting and retaining talent.

"We're competing against the Googles and the Apples of the world," Hartman said. "And while we can never come close to offering the financial incentives they will, what we do offer is an incredible purpose, a higher purpose, to be able to come in and attack problems that are incredibly meaningful."

"We have this incredible array of hardware all over the world. But at the end of the day, we're kind of a software company," he said.

What's more, Romano said retired Air Force personnel who return to work at AFTAC as civilians, like Schuler and Dale, provide institutional mission knowledge that newcomers lack. North Korea's twin nuclear tests in 2016 made for the organization's "busiest ops tempo" in the previous 20 years.

"The world is only getting more complex," Hartman said. "It's getting faster. It's getting more complex and more consequential."

"So the challenges they're going to face 10 to 20 years from now are probably going to dwarf some of the things we're dealing with today. So we're trying to make sure we posture ahead, and stay ahead of the curve and equip them for success."

**'We've got them (sensors) in space. We've got them at sea. We've got them in the air. We've got them on land on all seven continents, to include Antarctica.'**

**Col. Chad Hartman**  
commander, Air Force Technical Applications Center

## NATION

# Denver vote could decriminalize psychoactive drug

By KATHLEEN FOODY  
Associated Press

DENVER — Voters on Tuesday could make Denver the first U.S. city to decriminalize psilocybin — the psychoactive substance in “magic mushrooms” — and add a new chapter to the city’s role in shaping wider drug policy.

A citizen initiative on the ballot has followed the same tack taken by marijuana activists to decriminalize pot possession in 2005 in the city. The move was followed by statewide legalization in 2012. A number of other states followed and broadly allow marijuana use and sales by adults.

Psilocybin campaign organizers say their only goal is to keep people out of jail for using or possessing the drug to cope with depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress and other conditions.

Kevin Matthews, director of the Decriminalize Denver campaign, said psilocybin has helped him deal with depression for years.

“This is not something you have to take every day,” the 33-year-old Denver native said. “It provides a lot of lasting benefits, weeks and months after one experience.”

Psilocybin has been outlawed

in the U.S. since the 1960s, and some researchers warn that it should be used only under medical supervision and can prompt paranoia and anxiety.

The federal government classifies psilocybin as a Schedule I drug, with no medical purpose and a high potential for abuse.

For decades, that status has stymied research into medical uses of psilocybin, but small, closely supervised studies in recent years have found that it can help treat anxiety and depression in cancer patients. Participants have described seeing vivid colors and geometric patterns and experiencing powerful spiritual connections and emotions.

Magic mushrooms have been used in religious practices for decades due to their powerful effect on perceptions and spiritual experiences. Those same effects have appealed to recreational users dating back to the counter-culture of the 1960s.

A California effort to decriminalize psilocybin failed to qualify for the statewide ballot in 2018. Organizers in Oregon are trying to gather enough support to put an initiative to a statewide vote next year.



THOMAS PEIPERT/AP

**Chris Olson shows support Monday for the decriminalization of the use of psilocybin, the psychedelic substance in “magic mushrooms,” in downtown Denver. If the measure is approved Tuesday, Denver would be the first U.S. city to decriminalize the drug.**

It took the pro-psilocybin organizers in Denver three tries to develop language approved by city officials for the ballot. They collected more than 8,000 signatures to qualify for Tuesday’s election.

Denver Mayor Michael Hancock opposes the initiative along with District Attorney Beth McCann, but there has been no organized campaign against it.

The election has largely been focused on a six-way race for mayor and a heated effort to end Denver’s “urban camping” ban that affects people without housing and has pitted activists against well-financed business and development groups.

Supporters of the psilocybin initiative have done door-to-door canvassing, documentary screenings and leafletting at community

events or outside Coors Field before Colorado Rockies’ games.

The initiative would effectively decriminalize use or possession of psilocybin by people 21 and older, making it the lowest enforcement priority for police and prosecutors.

The proposed ordinance also would prevent city funds from being used to pursue criminal penalties on possession or use and create a panel to study the effects of the change.

The measure does not legalize psilocybin or permit its sale by cannabis businesses.

“Nobody should be penalized for this substance,” Matthews said. “One arrest is too many. No person deserves this kind of treatment for a substance this safe.”

## Ruling hampers terrorism prosecution

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department’s ability to charge minors for supporting terrorist groups has been hampered by a 2018 Supreme Court decision, forcing prosecutors to hand off at least one such case to local authorities in a state without anti-terrorism laws.

The court’s decision in a case unrelated to terrorism opened a loophole that could allow young supporters of groups like Islamic State to skate on charges from the federal government.

The legal gap was highlighted by the case of *Matin Azziz-Yarand*, who was sentenced in a Texas state court last month after plotting to shoot police officers and civilians at a suburban shopping mall in an Islamic State-inspired rampage planned to coincide with the Muslim holiday of Ramadan.

In most cases like this, federal prosecutors would have brought terrorism charges. But U.S. prosecutors in Texas didn’t charge Azziz-Yarand because he was 17 at the time and considered a minor under federal law.

Federal law allows prosecutors to charge anyone supporting or working with a State Department-designated terrorist group, even if the person was not in contact with the group. But to charge a juvenile with providing material support to a foreign terrorist organization, the attorney general would have to determine that the suspect committed what’s known as a “crime of violence” under federal law.

The Supreme Court struck down part of that law last year, finding it too vague to be enforced in the case of a Philippine man who was facing deportation over burglary convictions. Justice Neil Gorsuch joined the court’s more liberal judges, finding that the law crossed constitutional boundaries and that the law was not specific enough.

“Vague laws invite arbitrary power,” Gorsuch wrote.

Facing only state charges, Azziz-Yarand struck a plea deal and was sentenced to 20 years in prison with the possibility of parole after 10. Prosecutors presented the case as an example of local and federal collaboration, but also said that the criminal charge that would have best fit Azziz-Yarand’s acts is unavailable in state court.

A charge of supporting a terrorist group “would’ve fit this crime better than the laws that we used,” Collin County District Attorney Greg Willis said in April.

After the Supreme Court ruling, the Department of Homeland Security said the decision “significantly undermines” its ability to deport people convicted of “serious violent crimes,” but the implications for terrorism cases weren’t immediately apparent.

## Arrest made in Miss. police station parking lot slaying

Associated Press

A Mississippi teenager accused of gunning down a uniformed officer in a police station parking lot was captured and returned in handcuffs, escorted through a phalanx of television cameras and police officers at the scene of the crime.

Biloxi citizens applauded Monday night as Darian Tawan Atkinson, 19, was brought into the station. Police said he’s the man who walked around inside the station the night before and then approached Biloxi patrolman Robert McKeithen in the parking lot, shooting him multiple times.

“We feel vindicated. He’s been treated properly and fairly. And now we will grieve for the family,” Police Chief John Miller said. It remains unclear whether McKeithen, 58, was targeted or shot at random.

Miller said a Biloxi officer spotted the suspect while driving home through Wiggins, 40 miles north of the Gulf Coast city. The officer called Wiggins police, who made the arrest.

Tall and lanky in a blue and black baseball jersey, Atkinson was yanked from the back of a

police cruiser and smiled as he was paraded past the cameras and a line of officers, who stood respectfully as people cheered behind them.

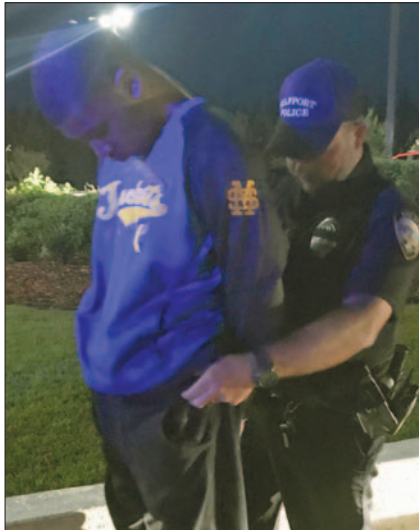
Miller said Atkinson would be questioned and then taken to the Harrison County jail in Gulfport. It’s unclear when Atkinson will go before a judge on a capital murder charge.

It’s unclear how Atkinson escaped a police perimeter and intense manhunt to reach Wiggins. Miller said he expects at least one person would be charged as an accessory.

Miller turned the investigation over to the neighboring Gulfport Police, saying it was better to have an outside agency lead the investigation.

An Air Force veteran who spent 23 years with the Biloxi police, McKeithen had been planning to retire this year. His death leaves a wife, daughter, two stepsons and a stepdaughter.

Mourners piled floral tributes on McKeithen’s patrol SUV. A memorial service was planned for Tuesday night at Biloxi police headquarters. His funeral and burial are planned for May 13.



JODY O'HARA, STONE COUNTY (MISS.) ENTERPRISE/AP

**A police officer checks the pockets of Darian Tawan Atkinson, wanted for capital murder, during his arrest in Wiggins, Miss.**



## NATION

# Headed to prison, Cohen takes last swipe at president

BY MICHAEL R. SISAK  
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Associated Press

NEW YORK — Michael Cohen took a last swipe at President Donald Trump while reporting to federal prison Monday to start a three-year sentence for crimes including tax evasion and campaign finance violations related to hush-money payments made to protect his former boss.

Cohen, who turned on Trump last summer after a decade as his personal lawyer, fixer and “take-a-bullet” loyalist, didn’t mention the president by name, but he left little doubt about whom he blamed for his incarceration.

“I hope that when I rejoin my family and friends, that the country will be in a place without xenophobia, injustice and lies at the helm of our country,” Cohen told reporters outside his Manhattan apartment. “There still remains

much to be told, and I look forward to the day where I can share the truth.”

Cohen, 52, then stumbled through a crush of media, ignoring shouted questions, and got into a waiting Cadillac Escalade, which drove him to jail 70 miles northwest of New York City.

He got a slight jump on his prison sentence, arriving at the Federal Correctional Institution, Otisville, about 11:45 a.m., more than two hours before a court-imposed deadline.

The prison has a minimum security camp that’s become known for the white-collar criminals it houses and the amenities — including tennis courts, bocce ball and rugelach in the commissary — that it affords them.

Cohen — officially Inmate No. 86067-054 — took off the blue blazer he wore on the ride up and left it with his driver before walk-



KEVIN HAGEN/AP

**Michael Cohen, former attorney to President Donald Trump, leaves his apartment building before beginning his prison term Monday in New York.**

ing into prison, where he was to be provided with a khaki uniform.

The U.S. Bureau of Prisons confirmed Cohen was in its custody but declined to provide details of his confinement, citing privacy and security rules.

At Otisville, officials took extra measures to deal with the intense media interest in Cohen’s arrival. They put up concrete barriers along the two-lane road leading to the facility and deployed cones and caution tape to keep about two dozen reporters and photographers from getting too close.

Cohen had fought to delay or reduce his sentence but failed in a last-ditch effort to convince federal prosecutors that his cooperation in various investigations related to Trump warranted leniency.

Cohen’s lawyer and spokesman, Lanny Davis, said Cohen would continue to be available to cooperate with law enforcement, though it’s unclear how much his cooperation is wanted.

Since mid-March, federal prosecutors in New York have rebuffed Cohen’s repeated offers to

provide more information about alleged wrongdoing by Trump and other people in his orbit, Davis said.

His legal team asked House Democrats last month to intercede with prosecutors after Cohen testified on Capitol Hill in February and March, but they were reticent to do so.

“Michael may be sentenced within the walls of a federal correctional institution. But the truth has no walls,” Davis said in a statement Monday.



JEFF CHIU/AP

**A sign alerts customers that cash is not accepted at Freshroll Vietnamese Rolls & Bowls in San Francisco. The city is poised to ban the practice of businesses not accepting cash.**

## San Francisco to join list of those banning cashless stores

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — San Francisco is about to require brick-and-mortar retailers to take cash as payment, joining Philadelphia and New Jersey in banning a growing paperless practice that critics say discriminates against low-income people who may not have access to credit cards.

The Board of Supervisors will take up the issue at a meeting Tuesday, and it’s likely to pass because nearly all 11 members are listed as sponsors or co-sponsors. “I just felt it wasn’t fair that if someone wanted to buy a sandwich in a store and they had cash, that they would be turned away,” said Supervisor Vallie Brown, who introduced the legislation. “We also have our homeless pop-

ulation. They’re not banked.”

In many ways, the legislation is an easy call for San Francisco officials, who strive to make life more equitable in a city with an enormous wealth gap.

High-paid tech workers who flocked to San Francisco to work for Facebook, Google, Uber and Airbnb may like the ease of paying by credit card, debit card or smartphone. But many low-income people, including more than 4,000 who sleep on San Francisco’s streets every night, likely don’t have money to sustain bank accounts.

According to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., 17 percent of black households and 15 percent of Latino households have no bank account.

## Sandra Bland’s own video of her 2015 Texas traffic stop surfaces

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Cellphone video recorded by Sandra Bland, a black woman found dead in a Texas jail in 2015 following a confrontational traffic stop, shows for the first time her perspective as a white state trooper draws his stun gun and points it at close range while ordering her out of the car.

The 39-second clip revealed by the Investigative Network, a nonprofit news organization in Texas, aired Monday night on Dallas television station WFAA.

Bland, 28, was found hanging in her jail cell outside Houston three days after her arrest. Her death and dashcam video showing Trooper Brian Encinia trying to pull the Chicago-area woman out of her vehicle became flashpoints in the debate over the treatment of black people by police.

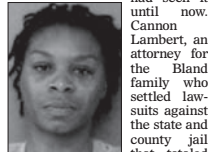
The clip begins at the most dramatic moment of the July 2015 traffic stop near Prairie View A&M University. Encinia has opened Bland’s car door and draws his stun gun as she tries to steady her phone’s camera. The flashlights on the stun gun flick on, and Encinia yells, “Get out of the car! I will light you up. Get out!”

Bland exits the car and continues to record Encinia as he orders her onto the sidewalk. The stun gun is still pointed at her, and the flashlights remain on. He instructs her to get off the phone,

to which Bland replies, “I’m not on the phone. I have a right to record. This is my property.”

The video ends seconds later after Encinia tells her to put the phone down.

The emergence of the cellphone video raised questions about who



Bland

had seen it until now. Cannon Lambert, an attorney for the Bland family who settled lawsuits against the state and county jail that totaled nearly \$2 million combined, said he never saw the clip until it was recently shared by a reporter.

Lambert said he didn’t see the video in evidence turned over by investigators, which he said he wanted to believe was just human error.

Democratic state Rep. Garnet Coleman, who in 2017 carried the “Sandra Bland Act” that the family criticized for being weakened before being signed into law, said Monday night he would look into why Bland’s family never saw the footage.

“It is troubling that a crucial piece of evidence was withheld from Sandra Bland’s family and legal team in their pursuit of jus-

tice,” Coleman said.

Katherine Cesigner, a spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Public Safety, said the cellphone video was known to all parties at the time and that two years following the litigation, it was “unclear what arrangements, if any, were made by the plaintiffs to view the video.”

The department disputed the premise that the video was not provided, saying it was included as part of a large hard drive of evidence from the investigation. It also said Sandra Bland’s cellphone video had previously been publicly released in 2017, when it was given to an Austin television station under open records law.

Encinia, who was fired after being indicted for perjury over the traffic stop, said he came to fear for his safety after stopping Bland for failing to signal a lane change.

“The video makes it abundantly clear there was nothing she was doing in that car that put him at risk at all,” Lambert said.

The perjury charge was later dropped in exchange for Encinia agreeing to never work in law enforcement again.

That Bland was holding up a cellphone is clear in the original dashcam footage. Chip Lewis, Encinia’s attorney, said the cellphone footage doesn’t illuminate anything beyond what the dashcam video already showed.

## NATION

# Restored steam locomotive back on rails, to raves

Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — It's longer than two city buses, weighs more than a Boeing 747 fully loaded with passengers and can pull 16 Statues of Liberty over a mountain.

The Big Boy No. 4014 steam locomotive rolled out of a Union Pacific restoration shop in Cheyenne over the weekend for a big debut after five years of restoration. It then headed toward Utah as part of a yearlong tour to commemorate the Transcontinental Railroad's 150th anniversary.

Big Boys hauled freight between Wyoming and Utah in the 1940s and 1950s. Of the 25 built by the American Locomotive Co. in Schenectady, N.Y., from 1941 to 1944, eight remain. Only No. 4014 will be operational.

Engineered for steep mountain grades, each Big Boy had not one but two huge engines beneath a 250-ton boiler able to hold enough

water to cover an area the size of a basketball court to the depth of a high-top shoe.

The locomotives are not only big, they're so complex that steam train buffs long considered restoring one to a fully operational state all but impossible, said Jim Wrinn, editor of Trains magazine. They were the "pinnacle of steam locomotive design" in the years before diesel engines took over as the less expensive, more efficient standard for U.S. railroads, Wrinn said.

"It's a pretty big deal," said Wrinn. "Nobody ever thought that a Big Boy would be restored to operation. Ever."

Union Pacific hasn't said how much the restoration cost, but Wrinn estimated at least \$4 million based on similar restorations. The result will be one of just six to eight steam engines still operational on mainline U.S. railroad tracks. The last steam locomotive delivered to Union Pacific, the "Living Legend" Northern No. 844, has remained in service since 1944. Big Boy No. 4014 will join in No. 844's publicity work as a railroad version of the Good-year Blimp, Wrinn said.

The locomotives will tour the Union Pacific system throughout 2019 in honor of the Transcontinental Railroad's 1869 completion. They will be in Ogden, Utah, this week for an event featuring UP and Utah officials and a descendant of one of the Chinese workers who helped build the railroad.

Union Pacific towed Big Boy No. 4014 to Cheyenne in 2014 after acquiring it from a museum in Pomona, Calif.

"They had to basically completely disassemble the locomotive down to just the frame and the shell," Wrinn said. "It was an immense undertaking."



P. SOLOMON BANDA/AP

**Big Boy No. 4014 rolls out of a Union Pacific restoration shop at the Cheyenne Depot Museum in Wyoming on Saturday.**



DAVID CARSON, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH/AP

**A vehicle drives through Mississippi River floodwater in downtown Alton, Ill., on Monday. The painted line beneath the American flag on the grain silos denotes the height of floodwater in 1993.**

## Flooding danger lingers as Midwest rivers recede

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — The swollen Mississippi River and its tributaries were receding in many flood-ravaged communities on Monday, but concerns remained high because of the threat of heavy rain over the next few days.

The Mississippi's levels slowly fell north of St. Louis after they reached record or near-record highs in many communities. Officials blamed four deaths last week on the flooding, which forced hundreds of people in Iowa, Illinois and Missouri from their homes.

The river crested Monday in downtown St. Louis and will do so later this week farther south. But

it could rise again, as more rain is expected to fall this week in the central U.S., including 3 inches or more in parts of Iowa, Kansas and Missouri.

Mark Fuchs, a National Weather Service hydrologist, warned that there is nowhere for any additional rain to go and that he's especially concerned about the potential for a new rise in the Missouri River, including in parts of Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and northwestern Missouri that were flooded in late March.

The new rain also will keep the Mississippi River at major flood stage for even longer in many places, putting more pressure on levees already stressed, Fuchs

said.

"You've got water sitting on levees for long periods of time — that's no good," he said. "That's where we're at right now."

In tiny Allenville, Mo., Phil Thompson was among the 100 or so residents who were prepared to move their belongings to higher ground if necessary. Thompson, 67, said he was holding off for now but was keeping a close eye on the skies.

"If we get big rains, we're in trouble," Thompson said.

Problems weren't isolated to communities along the Mississippi. Much of eastern Kansas and western Missouri were under flood warnings.

## Students protest as high school senior faces deportation

Associated Press

PHOENIX — A high school football player who has been in the U.S. since he was a toddler was in custody for possible deportation to his native Mexico, prompting a protest Monday by classmates outside an Arizona sheriff's office.

Thomas Torres, who is scheduled to graduate May 22 from Desert View High School, was at a federal holding facility in Casa Grande, Ariz., according to the family he was living with. Now, he is scheduled to appear in immigration court on that date.

Lorena Rodriguez said Torres had lived for years at her family's home, where he shared a room with her brother, who also is set to graduate. Their caps and gowns

were already hanging in the bedroom closet.

Rodriguez, who launched a GoFundMe page to raise money for Torres' legal costs, said the young man was a toddler when his relatives brought him from Mexico in search of a better future. She said his parents had long since returned to Mexico, leaving him alone in the U.S., and he had lived with her family throughout high school.

"People like Thomas are needed in this country," Rodriguez wrote on the fundraising site. "He's a hardworking young man willing to better his future."

Torres played on the Desert View High School football team and regularly worked several jobs, including busing tables at a restaurant and yardwork, friends

said.

Although deportation proceedings involving high school students who have reached adulthood are not uncommon, the outpouring of support from Torres' classmates seemed unusual. A large portion of the population in Tucson's southern district, where the school is located, is Mexican-American.

Torres' classmates marched about 4 miles from the school to the sheriff's office to demand his release. "Thomas is the American Dream," said one of the many homemade signs carried by students protesting outside the sheriff's office. Other signs read, "Abolish the Border Patrol" and "Without Justice, There is No Peace."

Torres was taken into custody

Thursday after a traffic stop by sheriff's deputies and turned over to Border Patrol, said Victor Mercado, a spokesman for the Sunnyside Unified High School District.

Border Patrol spokeswoman Meredith Mingleldorf confirmed Monday that Torres is in federal custody and faces immigration charges after the agency was contacted by the Pima County Sheriff's Office.

The sheriff's office said Monday that a deputy stopped the car Torres was driving to check whether the insurance was up to date. The agency said in a news release that when Torres didn't produce a driver's license he told authorities he was in the country illegally and the deputy contacted the Border Patrol.



MAMTA POPAT, ARIZONA DAILY STAR/AP

**Quiat Rosas, 17, addresses students from Desert View High School after they marched to the Pima County Sheriff's Department in Tucson, Ariz., on Monday to protest the detention of classmate Thomas Torres by Border Patrol.**

# Amazon opening 1st Go store that accepts cash

Amazon expects many of its customers to be workers looking to pick up a lunchtime salad or sandwich, people who live in the area or tourists visiting the nearby World Trade Center. Amazon didn't say when its 11 other Go stores will start accepting cash.

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**THURSDAY IN THE PACIFIC**

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Busan 66/54  
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Iwakuni 62/58

Tokyo 67/63

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Guam 83/79

Pacific Ocean

Sea of Japan

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## WORLD

# Pakistani girls trafficked to China in 'bride market'

By KATHY GANNON  
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Associated Press

GUJRANWALA, Pakistan — Muqadas Ashraf was just 16 when her parents married her off to a Chinese man who had come to Pakistan looking for a bride. Less than five months later, Muqadas is back in her home country, pregnant and seeking a divorce from a husband who she says was abusive.

She is one of hundreds of poor Christian girls who have been trafficked to China in a market for brides that has swiftly grown in Pakistan since late last year, activists say. Brokers are aggressively seeking out girls for Chinese men, sometimes even cruising outside churches to ask for potential brides.

They are being helped by Christian clerics paid to target impoverished parents in their congregation with promises of wealth in exchange for their daughters.

Parents receive several thousand dollars and are told that their new sons-in-law are wealthy Christian converts. The grooms turn out to be neither, according to several brides, their parents, an activist, pastors and government officials, all of whom spoke to The Associated Press.

Once in China, the girls — most often married against their will — can find themselves isolated in remote rural regions, vulnerable to abuse, unable to communicate and reliant on a translation app even for a glass of water.



K.M. CHAUDHARY/AP

**Muqadas Ashraf speaks to The Associated Press in Gujranwala, Pakistan, last month. She was just 16 when her parents married her off to a Chinese man who had gone to Pakistan looking for a bride.**

"This is human smuggling," Ijaz Alam Augustine, the human rights and minorities minister in Pakistan's Punjab province, said in an interview with the AP. "Greed is really responsible for these marriages. ... I have met with some of these girls, and they are very poor."

Augustine accused the Chinese gov-

ernment and its embassy in Pakistan of turning a blind eye to the practice by unquestioningly issuing visas and documents. The Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs denied that, saying China has zero tolerance for illegal transnational marriage agencies.

Human Rights Watch called on China

and Pakistan to take action to end bride trafficking, warning in an April 26 statement of "increasing evidence that Pakistani women and girls are at risk of sexual slavery in China."

**"It is all fraud and cheating. All the promises they make are fake."**

**Muqadas Ashraf** married off to a Chinese man by her parents

The Chinese embassy said last month that China is cooperating with Pakistan to crack down on unlawful matchmaking centers, saying "both Chinese and Pakistani youths are victims of these illegal agents."

The AP interviewed more than a dozen Christian Pakistani brides and would-be brides who fled before exchanging vows.

All had similar accounts of a process involving brokers and members of the clergy, including describing houses where they were taken to see potential husbands and spend their wedding nights in Islamabad, the country's capital, and Lahore, the capital of Punjab province.

"It is all fraud and cheating. All the promises they make are fake," said Muqadas.

## Erdogan defends Istanbul vote redo; critics see power grab

By SUZAN FRASER  
Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan insisted Tuesday that rerunning the Istanbul mayoral vote won by the opposition will only strengthen democracy, while critics called the decision an "outrageous" move to eliminate dissent against his government.

Ruling in favor of Erdogan's governing party, Turkey's top electoral body on Monday annulled the results of the March 31

vote in Istanbul, which opposition candidate Ekrem Imamoglu narrowly won, and scheduled a rerun for June 23.

The loss of Istanbul — and the capital of Ankara — in Turkey's local elections were sharp blows to Erdogan and his conservative, Islamic-based Justice and Development Party, or AKP.

AKP had challenged the results of the vote, claiming it was marred by irregularities. Critics accuse the AKP of clinging to power in the city of 15 million people that is Turkey's cultural

and commercial hub and of exerting heavy pressure on the country's electoral body to cancel the outcome.

The controversial decision has increased concerns over democracy and the rule of law in Turkey, a NATO member that is still formally a candidate to join the European Union and a key Western ally in the fight against terrorism and stemming the flow of refugees to Europe.

"The will of the people has been trampled on," said Meral Aksener, leader of a nationalist

party in Turkey that had backed Imamoglu.

The move is raising questions about whether Erdogan, who has consolidated power throughout his 16 years in leadership and is increasingly accused of authoritarianism, would ever accept any electoral defeat or relinquish power.

The redo of the vote also threatens to further destabilize the Turkish economy, which has entered a recession.

The Turkish lira crashed spectacularly last summer over in-

vestor concerns about Erdogan's policies, shaking the economy. It has been sliding again in recent weeks, and on Tuesday it hit its lowest level since October, due to the prolonged political uncertainty.

"This outrageous decision highlights how Erdogan's Turkey is drifting toward a dictatorship," Guy Verhofstadt, a European Parliament lawmaker and the leader of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats, said on Twitter.

"Under such leadership, accession talks are impossible."

## Post-apartheid S. Africa world's most unequal country

By CARA ANNA  
Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG — Perhaps nowhere in today's South Africa is the country's inequality no more dramatic display than in the neighboring Johannesburg suburbs of Sandton and Alexandra.

With its gleaming high-rises and lush estates, Sandton is known as Africa's richest square mile. Alexandra, a longtime home to Nelson Mandela, is a squalid, cramped and crime-infested black township. Many of its residents stream into Sandton every day on a bridge over a highway to work in upscale shops or homes.

Angry protests flared in Alexandra last month, stoked in part by campaigning for Wednesday's national election but mostly by the frustration that South Africa should look far different than the country of haves and have-nots that it has become. Many

voters believe the ruling African National Congress has lost its way since Mandela won the first post-apartheid presidential election in 1994, and that belief threatens the ANC's absolute majority grip on power.

The ANC has been shaken by widespread allegations of corruption that saw former President Jacob Zuma forced out a year ago, and many South Africans feel the party can no longer coast on its legacy of fighting the brutal system of apartheid.

Unemployment in the country of 56 million people soars past 25%. There are tire-burning protests almost every day over the lack of basic services like working toilets in mostly black neighborhoods.

Whites still hold much of the wealth and private levers of power, while blacks trim their lawns and clean their homes.

"We find virtually no whites living below the middle class," Fazila Farouk and Mur-

ray Leibbrandt, with the Southern Africa Labor and Development Research Unit, wrote last year.

"Whites have, in fact, comfortably improved their economic status in post-apartheid South Africa because our economy channels such a big share of national income to the top 10%," they said.

Half of South Africans are in households with per capita income of 1,149 rand, or about \$90 or less a month, they wrote, with little chance to change their fortunes despite working hard as maids or security guards.

"Put bluntly, they're stuck," Farouk and Leibbrandt concluded.

The World Bank says South Africa is the most unequal nation on the planet, a fact that former President F.W. de Klerk, a Nobel Peace Prize winner, called "the deepest national shame."



THEMBA HADEBE/AP

**People walk down a main street in Alexandra township, South Africa, adorned with election posters. The squalid conditions in the black township are evidence of the country's inequality.**

## SCIENCE



PHOTOS BY RICHARD DREEM/AP

An Original Impossible Burger, left, and a Cali Burger, from Umami Burger, are shown in New York on Friday. A new era of meat alternatives is here, with Beyond Meat becoming the first vegan meat company to go public and Impossible Burger popping up on menus around the country.

# How plant-based burgers compare to beef

By CANDICE CHOI  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — If you want to skip meat, a new era of options is here.

Beyond Meat and Impossible Foods are among the companies racing to tap into the massive U.S. market of meat eaters by more closely mimicking the taste of beef than vegetarian patties of the past. Others are working to grow meat in labs.

So are the plant-based patties better for you or for the planet? Here's what you might want to know before taking a bite:

## Are they healthier?

As with many questions about diet, it depends. For better or worse, patties from Beyond Meat and Impossible Foods can be nutritionally similar to beef.

Beyond Meat's 4-ounce patty is listed at 270 calories, while Impossible Foods' is listed at 240 calories. Ground beef's nutritional profile can range, but a similarly sized patty with 80% lean meat has around 290 calories.

Protein content is about the same, while other nutrients vary. Some may like that the plant-based patties have fiber, but dislike that they're higher in sodium.

For overall diet, what matters more might be how the patties are served, whether it's at Burger King, White Castle or elsewhere.

At Umami Burger in New York, for example, a burger with two Impossible patties, cheese and fixings tops 1,000 calories. Few would call it healthy, especially if served with fries and a soda.

"People are going to be fooling them-



An Original Impossible Burger, left, and a Cali Burger, from Umami Burger are shown. A Umami Burger with two Impossible patties and all the fixings can top 1,000 calories.

selves into thinking these are not just better, but healthy," said Yoni Freedhoff, an obesity expert at the University of Ottawa.

People also may not realize the saturated fat content can be similar to that of beef burgers, he said.

## What's in them?

Beyond Meat's ingredients include pea protein and canola oil. Impossible Food's patties have soy protein and coconut oil. Impossible says its patties have a flavor and hue similar to those of beef partly because of soy leghemoglobin, a protein the company makes by genetically modifying

yeast.

The meat industry, meanwhile, is appealing to people who prefer simpler ingredient lists.

"A beef patty is one natural ingredient: beef," says the North American Meat Institute, which represents meat makers.

## How do they taste?

Taste is subjective, but reviews generally say Beyond Meat and Impossible burgers taste similar to meat.

Christian Acosta, who works in New York, said he's had the Impossible burger several times and can't tell the difference. "It tastes exactly like meat," he said.

Unlike with a steak, any discrepancies in taste between beef and the plant-based burgers may be masked by buns, cheese and toppings. Both Beyond Meat and Impossible Foods have also updated their recipes, and may keep doing so to get even more like meat.

## How much do they cost?

The idea is to eventually make Beyond and Impossible burgers cost the same or less than beef. For now, expect to pay more.

At a Whole Foods in New York, two Beyond Meat patties cost \$5.99, roughly double the price of two ground beef pat-

ties. Impossible burgers aren't yet available in grocery stores. But at a Bareburger restaurant in New York, it's an extra \$3 for either of the plant-based patties.

## Are they better for the earth?

Beef is considered taxing on the environment because of the resources it takes to grow crops to feed cows. Cows also produce the greenhouse gas methane, mostly through burps.

Though grazing animals can play a positive role in the ecosystem, that's not how most animals in the U.S. are raised, said Christopher Field, who is at the Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment and who knows the founder of Impossible Foods. But he noted people don't have to give up meat entirely to make a difference, and that pork and chicken have much smaller environmental footprints than beef.

## What's next?

On the horizon is meat grown in labs by culturing animal cells, but it will be some time before people can get a taste.

Right now, the solutions used to help cells grow are expensive and limited since they're mainly made for medical therapy purposes, said Bruce Friedrich, executive director of the Good Food Institute, which advocates for meat alternatives.

Still, regulators have taken notice and the meat industry is watching and mobilizing to "protect beef nomenclature."

Already, Beyond Meat's debut as a public company may be confirming the meat industry's concerns. Years ago, a beef group had listed Beyond Meat as an issue to watch, according to public records obtained by The Associated Press.

**"People are going to be fooling themselves into thinking these are not just better, but healthy."**

Yoni Freedhoff  
University of Ottawa

## PACIFIC

# ‘A cultural experience’

Yokota students celebrate Asian and Pacific islander heritage

By ALLEN ONSTOTT

Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Food and culture from Asia and the Pacific Islands were on display this week at the home of U.S. Forces Japan in western Tokyo.

Yokota's military community and guests packed a high school gymnasium Monday to celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

"I have a passion about this because of the kids,"

See more from the celebration at Yokota at [starsandstripes.com/culturefest](https://starsandstripes.com/culturefest)

the said event coordinator Lily Bagtas, who works as a nurse at

Yokota's middle and high schools. "I like to share the culture. It's a day to educate, engage and empower the kids."

Seven Pacific cultures were represented, including those from Japan, India, the Philippines, Thailand, China, Korea and Hawaii.

Participants could watch or try their hand at ikebana (flower arranging), origami (paper folding), ink-wash painting, performing a Japanese tea ceremony or dressing in traditional clothing such as kimono or yukata robes. There were also demonstrations by hula dancers and Samurai and kendo practitioners.

The event also provided students a chance to taste regional cuisine such as spicy Korean kimchi and Thai and Indian dishes, Bagtas said.

"It is not only education in the classroom, it's a cultural experience," she said. "It's a once in a lifetime that they will be in Japan, then experience all of these things going on."

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Yokota High School students prepare for a performance during their Asian American and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month celebration at the air base in western Tokyo on Monday.



Clockwise from top: Students perform a Philippine hat dance; Kendo practitioners put on a demonstration; high school students perform during the celebration.



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Man admits faking death for insurance

**MN** ST. PAUL — A Minnesota man accused of faking his death eight years ago in Eastern Europe to collect a \$2 million life insurance policy has pleaded guilty.

The St. Paul Pioneer Press reported that Igor Vorotinov, 54, formerly of Maple Grove, is to be sentenced for mail fraud on July 29 in U.S. District Court.

Authorities alleged Vorotinov in 2011 arranged for a corpse to be dressed in his clothes and planted his identification on the body before placing it along a road in the former Soviet republic of Moldova. An insurance company sent his ex-wife a \$2 million check in 2012.

Irina Vorotinov pleaded guilty in 2016 to fraud charges and was sentenced to about three years in prison. Igor Vorotinov was arrested in November 2018 and returned to the U.S.

## Pesticide suspected in bald eagle deaths

**MD** BALTIMORE — A once-common farm pesticide may be to blame for dozens of bald eagles poisoned over the past three years in Maryland and Delaware.

The Baltimore Sun reported that U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service data shows pesticides were a suspected or confirmed factor in about 50 deaths of the national bird between 2008 and 2017.

Maryland Natural Resources Police Lt. Roy Reiter said the illegal chemical carbofuran killed some of the birds. Authorities said they think old stocks of the pesticide are being used to kill foxes and other farm pests, and it harms the eagles that scavenge the dead animal remains.

## Newly found mastodon bones now at museum

**IN** INDIANAPOLIS — The large bones of a mastodon found last month in southern Indiana are becoming part of the Indiana State Museum's collection of the ancient, elephant-like mammals.

Workers found most of a tusk, two limb bones and a jawbone with teeth while installing sewer lines across a farm near Seymour, about 60 miles south of Indianapolis.

State museum officials said the bones are estimated to be between 10,000 and 13,000 years old and from a mastodon standing about 9 feet tall. Museum staffers plan to spend the next year studying the bones and doing preservation work on them.

The bones will be available for future exhibitions at the downtown Indianapolis museum.

## Boy, 12, arrested after video game argument

**KS** WICHITA — Authorities said a 12-year-old boy was arrested after throwing a knife at a 9-year-old boy when they got into an argument while playing video games.

## THE CENSUS

# \$100M

The amount of a donation that administrators at Baylor University announced Saturday. Officials said it is the largest gift in the Waco, Texas, Baptist school's history. The donation has been earmarked for Baylor's \$1.1 billion Give Light philanthropic campaign that includes teaching, research and service. A Baylor statement says the donor wishes to remain anonymous.



GREG LEHMAN, WALLA WALLA (WASH.) UNION-BULLETIN/AP

## Sweet fun in the sun

Bailey Warner and Victoria Garcia, both 10, dance at their lemonade stand in Walla Walla, Wash.

The Wichita Eagle reported that the 9-year-old and his 13-year-old brother were in the home of the 12-year-old when the argument erupted Saturday night. Police said the younger boy was taken to a hospital with a minor cut to his back.

Police said the 12-year-old was arrested early Sunday on suspicion of aggravated battery and aggravated assault.

## Change in water flow boosts bugs for fish

**AZ** FLAGSTAFF — An experiment to change the flow of water from a dam near the Arizona-Utah state line upstream from the Grand Canyon appeared to boost the number of aquatic insects that fish in the Colorado River eat.

Scientists hope to better understand those results with a second bug flow experiment that started this month.

They found that releasing low, steady flows of water from Glen Canyon Dam gives the eggs that bugs lay on rocks, wood or cat-tails just below the water's surface a better chance of survival.

The bug flows are part of a larger plan approved in 2016 to manage operations at the dam. It allows for high flows to push sand built up in Colorado River tributaries through the Grand Canyon and other experiments that could help non-native trout.

## Police: Man donned wig to evade arrest

**FL** VIERA — A drug suspect on Florida's Space Coast tried to elude deputies setting up a perimeter around his house for a bust by bicycling away disguised in a woman's blond wig.

The Brevard County Sheriff's Office said they arrested Robert Walls despite his attempt at disguise.

The sheriff's office said the man was wanted by a fugitive task force seeking suspects from a major drug investigation that led to arrest warrants for more than 100 defendants. He faces charges of solicitation to sell a controlled substance and criminal conspiracy.

## Collector gives rare comic books to school

**SC** COLUMBIA — Superman, Wonder Woman, Iron Man and Thor are all together at last.

The University of South Carolina Libraries said it has received a gift of more than 180,000 comic books and related materials from lifelong collector Gary Lee Watson.

Now known as one of the largest comic book collections in the U.S., it contains a variety of materials including 143,000 unique

comic books, 20,000 magazines, 15,000 paperbacks and much more.

WIS-TV reported the collection will be cataloged and processed for research and classroom purposes at the university. School officials said an exhibit at the library will start on Aug. 29.

## Police: Man stole soap, slugged store worker

**NY** NEW YORK — Police said a man slugged a worker who caught him stuffing a bar of soap down his pants at a New York City pharmacy.

The New York Police Department released a video Saturday of the person in the April 1 incident and asked for the public's help in tracking him down.

Police said the soap swiper fled after punching the worker in the face several times at Rite Choice Pharmacy in the Bronx.

The 60-year-old worker refused medical attention for abrasions to his face. The man got away with a \$5.29 bar of Cetaphil soap.

## Funds sought to fix damaged war statue

**MS** VICKSBURG — A recent tornado in Mississippi damaged one of the monuments dedicated to Union soldiers who fought in the Civil War.

Now, a group is trying to raise

about \$15,000 to repair the 111-year-old Rhode Island Memorial in Vicksburg National Military Park.

"We had a donor come forward to pay half and direct a dollar-per-dollar match for any donor that comes forward and donates specifically for the cause," Bess Averett, director of Friends of the Vicksburg National Military Park and Campaign, told the Vicksburg Post.

The memorial honors the 7th Rhode Island Infantry, the only regiment from the state that participated in the Vicksburg Campaign of 1862-63.

## 3 get rabies treatment after animal attack

**ME** LISBON — Police said three family members who were attacked by an animal on a walking path in Lisbon are getting rabies treatments as a precaution.

Lisbon Police Chief Marc Hagan said Sunday that either a coyote or a dog attacked an 11-year-old girl who suffered bite wounds to her leg.

He said the mother and father suffered hand and finger injuries in the incident Saturday.

The parents funded off the animal, described as about 80 pounds, and then went to St. Mary's Hospital for treatment of injuries as well as a rabies vaccine.

From wire reports

## FACES

# Lifting up the ladies

Underwood supporting women on new Cry Pretty 360 tour

By KRISTIN M. HALL  
Associated Press

When Carrie Underwood was plotting out her Cry Pretty Tour 360, she realized she had selected an all-female lineup with opening acts Maddie & Tae and Runaway June.

Then she wondered: "Can we do that?"

Then told herself: "OK, we have to do this!"

In a genre that often only designates one or two slots to female acts for festivals or tours, Underwood's arena tour kicked off May 1 in Greensboro, N.C., with six women behind the mic throughout the show. It's becoming a pattern for women in country music, as Miranda Lambert, Maren Morris and Kacey Musgraves all have had all-female or mostly-female tours recently.

"I feel like it's been a really great time for women to kind of come together and be like, 'Let's support each other. We're all in this together. Let's be all in this together,'" Underwood said.

After her No. 1 album "Cry Pretty" came out last year, Underwood is hitting the road again and playing in more than 50 cities through October. Sitting down in a Nashville rehearsal hall where they were practicing for the tour, Underwood blushed when her supporting acts recounted how her songs were intertwined with their own careers.

Naomi Cooke from Runaway June remembers always getting requests to cover "Before He Cheats" when she played at Tootsie's Orchid Lounge, a downtown Nashville honky tonk. Taylor Dye of Maddie & Tae recalled that she often won local talent shows when she sang "Cowboy Casanova" or "Temporary Home."

Underwood will be returning to the center of the arenas for this tour, following her 2016 Storyteller Tour that also featured a center stage that allowed her to spread out. The seven-time Grammy winner is an energetic performer, typically sprinting around and singing from all sides of the stage and blowing away fans with her impressive vocal chops.

"I loved being able to see so much more of the audience and be able to connect so much with so many more people," Underwood said.

She's bringing the whole family on the road with her, including 4-year-old Isaiah, three-month-old Jacob Bryan, and her husband, former NHL player Mike Fisher. "Somebody's got to watch the kids when I am onstage," Underwood

said with a laugh.

The music industry isn't always supportive of working moms and Underwood has been blunt and honest about those pressures, posting on Instagram about her post-baby body or having to pump as she was getting ready for the Academy of Country Music Awards.

"(Isaiah) was 11 months old when we started the last tour," Underwood said. "So it was very much like: do a little makeup, make him dinner, come back and do my hair, then get him ready for bed. So it was worlds colliding, but it was great. I'm so lucky I get to take my kids to work with me, and not everybody gets to do that."

The tour comes at an important time for both Maddie & Tae and Runaway June, who both have new albums coming this year.

"We've never performed our music in a lot of these cities," said Cooke of Runaway June (Hannah Mulholland and Jennifer Wayne round out the trio).

"We literally couldn't have dreamed up a better platform for us to be releasing new music and playing new songs."

In a year when no women were nominated for entertainer of the year at the ACMs, Underwood—who has won that award twice—has a chance to prove that women deserve to be in that category again.

"It's gonna be a great show from start to finish. That's our main objective," Underwood said. "I want them to leave saying, 'That's the best show I've ever been to.'"

Maddie Marlow, of Maddie & Tae, added: "Watch all these chicks sell out arenas."

## 5 artists lead wide-open CMT Award nominations

Associated Press

It's a wide-open field for this year's CMT Music Awards, as five artists have a leading three nominations each: Brothers Osborne, Luke Combs, Miranda Lambert, Maren Morris and Zac Brown Band.

Nominations for the awards, to be held on June 5 in Nashville, were announced Tuesday and fan voting is now open at vote.cmt.com. Grammy-winning act Little Big Town, who are nominated for two awards, are returning for a second year as hosts for the show airing live on CMT.

Carrie Underwood, who has the most awards in CMT history with 18, is nominated for video of the year and female video of the year. Other artists getting two nominations include Jason Aldean, Kelsea Ballerini, Dierks Bentley, Luke Bryan, Eric Church, Dan + Shay, Florida Georgia Line, Kacey Musgraves and Cole Swindell.

Fourteen videos are in the running for video of the year, and the top five nominees in that category will be announced the morning of the show.

The pop-friendly awards show also celebrates non-country acts who collaborate within the genre. Taylor Swift, who has won three CMT video of the year awards before crossing over to pop, has two nominations for her duet with Sugarland called "Babe" and singer-songwriter Julia Michaels earned two for her duet with Keith Urban, "Coming Home."

Americana artist Brandi Carlile picked up two nominations, including female video of the year for her song "The Joke," despite it not being played on country radio. Shawn Mendes, Boyz II Men and Leon Bridges earned nominations for performance of the year after collaborations with country artists on the cable channel's shows.

### CBS names new anchor, revamps morning show

CBS News is replacing its evening anchor and revamping its morning show lineup as it seeks to boost ratings.

The network announced Monday that "CBS This Morning" co-host Norah O'Donnell will replace Jeff Glor as anchor of the "CBS Evening News" this summer. Glor has anchored the newscast since December 2017. O'Donnell was chief White House correspondent when she joined "CBS This Morning" in 2012, teaming up with Charlie Rose and Gayle King.

King, 64, will remain co-host of "CBS This Morning" and will be joined by longtime journalist Anthony Danahy and correspondent Tony Dokoupil.

John Dickerson, who has been scotched from political director to "Face the Nation" moderator in 2015 to "CBS This Morning" as Rose's replacement in January 2018, will become a correspondent for "60 Minutes."

Rose was dismissed following sexual misconduct allegations.

### Schumer welcomes her own 'royal baby'

Meghan Markle isn't the only one celebrating a newborn. Comedian Amy Schumer also gave birth to her first child.

Schumer and husband Chris Fischer's son was born Sunday night according to her Instagram, where she posted a photo of her family of three. In the caption she writes that at "10:55 p.m. last night. Our royal baby was born."

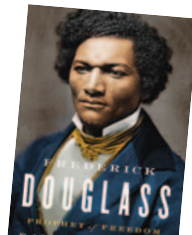
Since Schumer revealed her pregnancy, she has joked about what it is like to be expecting at the same time as the Duchess of Sussex. She even speculated in her Netflix special that they were, to the day, the same amount of pregnant.

Schumer, 37, also has been open about her difficult pregnancy and struggles with hyperemesis gravidarum, which caused her persistent sickness.

### Other news

■ A lifetime achievement award was offered — and rescinded — for "American Pie" singer Don McLean. McLean, 73, announced Monday that he was rescinding the George and Ira Gershwin Award for Lifetime Musical Achievement, presented by the Student Alumni Association of UCLA. But the Portland (Maine) Press Herald reports that the award was rescinded after the association was told of a domestic disturbance involving Don and Patricia McLean in 2016. McLean pleaded guilty to domestic violence assault, which was dismissed after he met the terms of a plea agreement. The couple are now divorced.

■ Frederick Douglass biographer David W. Blight and debut novelist Tommy Orange are among this year's winners of awards handed out by the Society of American Historians. The society announced that Blight's "Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom" (pictured below), which last month received the Pulitzer Prize, has won one of the most prestigious honors for historians, the Francis Parkman Prize. Orange's "There There," the story of a Native American community in the Bay Area, won the SAH Prize for Historical Fiction. The Allan Nevins Prize for an outstanding doctoral dissertation was given to Jonathan Lande for "Disciplined Freedom: U.S. Army Slave Rebels and Emancipation in the Civil War."



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## OPINION

## Are we watching Bolton's last stand?

By JASON REZAIAN

The Washington Post

**I**s John Bolton about to get the Iran war he's always wanted, or is he on the verge of losing his job?

Over the past several days, President Donald Trump's national security adviser has made comments and issued statements about Iran and Venezuela that are usually reserved for the run-up to military campaigns.

Yet Bolton's boss doesn't seem to be playing along.

On Sunday, the White House released a statement, attributed to Bolton, that the United States is deploying the USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier strike group to the Persian Gulf. The aim: "to send a clear and unmistakable message to the Iranian regime that any attack on United States interests or on those of our allies will be met with unrelenting force." The message added, "The United States is not seeking war with the Iranian regime, but we are fully prepared to respond to any attack, whether by proxy, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, or regular Iranian forces."

A U.S. official said the deployment was in response to "clear indications" of a "possible attack" by Iran or its proxies.

Although Tehran announced on Monday that it would restart some of its suspended nuclear activities to mark the year anniversary of the U.S. departure from its commitments, for its part, the Iranian regime isn't taking Bolton's bait yet.

Last month, the United States designated the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps as a terrorist organization. Tehran predictably responded by branding all U.S. forces in the Middle East as terrorists in

turn. Aside from their rhetoric, however, the Iranians have made no other visible moves to ratchet up tensions between the two countries.

Meanwhile, in recent weeks Iran's foreign minister, Mohammad Javad Zarif, has been signaling his government's desire to negotiate a new nuclear deal with Washington. It's worth recalling that this is precisely what Trump said his goal was when he pulled the United States out of the nuclear agreement one year ago this week.

Bolton's statement is the sort of tough warning that has two possible aims. One is to push an adversary into moderating its behavior. The other — more likely in this case, given Bolton's long history of seeking regime change in Tehran — is to provoke Iran into a hot-headed response.

I see little reason why Tehran would choose the latter path. According to the U.S. intelligence community, Tehran is still adhering to the nuclear deal it struck with world powers in 2015 and is reeling from the new sanctions levied on its economy.

So what gives, Bolton?

It looks as though the administration's national security chief is concerned that he's losing the attention of his boss, who has the pesky habit of validating the sorts of authoritarian leaders Bolton has made a career of bashing.

Although Trump has always had tough words for the Iranian regime, the president did tweet last September that he was sure that Iran's president, Hassan Rouhani, was an "absolutely lovely man." For his part, Rouhani claims that Trump sought meetings with him on eight occasions.

Doesn't mean much? Don't forget Trump's belittling comment about North Korean leader Kim Jong Un that preceded their meetings in Singapore and Vietnam.

## Boeing's 737 Max defense is a textbook mess

By DAVID FICKLING

Bloomberg Opinion

**F**or decades, business schools have taught Johnson & Johnson's handling of its 1982 Tylenol scandal as a textbook example of good crisis management.

In the future, we can expect Boeing's treatment of its two 737 Max crashes to join the syllabus — as an example of what not to do.

Engineers at the planemaker discovered problems with the aircraft's angle-of-attack sensors within months of the model's first delivery but didn't share its findings with airlines, regulators or even senior management until much later, the company said Sunday.

That we're still getting incomplete details of the situation — almost two years after the problems were first found, and six months after the Lion Air crash last October that brought it to wider attention — is an almost perfect inversion of the Tylenol lesson.

When Johnson & Johnson found someone was lacking the pain-relief medicine with cyanide, it removed the product from shelves and followed a policy of maximum transparency to reassure customers. As a result, it remained ahead of the developing story and, eventually, regained their trust.

Boeing's response has been starkly different. For more than a month, reporters and experts have been asking questions about the angle-of-attack sensors and their relationship with Boeing's Maneuvering Characteristics Augmentation System (an automated feature designed to prevent the

plane from stalling). Many stories have pointed out how customers that paid for additional functions got a warning when data from the 737 Max's two such sensors disagreed — with the implication that essential safety features were available only to those who paid extra.

Boeing's response to this line of inquiry has been that the absence of the disagree alert on basic-model planes wasn't the result of company policy but an accident, and that once discovered it was deemed acceptably low-risk to wait until a software update to fix the problem. In other words, it didn't leave the alert disconnected out of venality, but out of incompetence.

Let's just go through the litany of errors here. Boeing introduced a new automated feature, MCAS, that depended on input from angle-of-attack sensors. It failed to inform pilots properly about the new feature despite the clear ways in which it changed the plane's aerodynamics and handling. On top of that, the company accidentally removed functionality that had previously alerted pilots to faults in the sensors controlling MCAS. Through ignorance of this second problem, it again failed to inform pilots of the way their cockpit set-up had changed.

It's a mess, and made worse by the fact that Boeing's prevarication looks like denial. With 346 people dead, the company's main defense boils down to quibbling about the meaning of the term "safety feature." (In Boeing's view, because angle-of-attack data doesn't form a central part of a pilot's classic flight display, an alert about faulty readings can't be considered a safety feature.)

On Saturday, Trump put out two more tweets that must have unnerved Bolton.

In the first, regarding Kim, Trump tweeted that he "knows that I am with him & does not want to break his promise to me. Deal will happen."

That was followed by Trump gushing about his "very good call" with Russian President Vladimir Putin about what the president called the "Tremendous potential for a good/great relationship with Russia, despite what you read and see in the Fake News Media."

For a Cold War relic like Bolton, such proclamations must be maddening, which is probably why he is clinging to his long desired war with Iran. The State Department's "maximum pressure" Iran policy is increasing already high tensions with Tehran. Add U.S. warships to the Persian Gulf and the likelihood of a miscalculation only increases.

But given Trump's aversion to new conflicts and his propensity for making nice with dictators, Bolton knows the moment could be fleeting.

Just as Trump has signaled his willingness to continue negotiations with Kim — the depraved leader of the vilest regime on earth — Bolton must fear a similar opening with Iran.

Does Trump want regime change in Iran? Or is he trying to strike a new deal with the mullahs? Or is he open to the idea of a completely avoidable war in the Persian Gulf?

We need answers. And it's not only John Bolton's future that depends on them.

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Here's an alternative reading: Whether you call them safety features or not, indicators telling pilots that something unexpected is happening to the aircraft can make the difference between life and death.

Thanks to innovations by aerospace manufacturers including Boeing itself, aircraft are extraordinarily safe these days. They lose control in flight only in extremely unusual and unpredictable circumstances. As a result, pilots are often more like investigators than drivers — finding out when something goes wrong. When that happens, they may have just seconds to solve the problem, so need as much information as possible at their fingertips.

When Air France Flight 447 crashed off the coast of Brazil in 2009 killing 228, the initial problem was caused by a strikingly similar but different — conflicting airspeed readings that caused the autopilot to disconnect in a way that appears to have left the crew, flying in darkness, unable to discern what was going wrong. Too much information risks overwhelming pilots in a tense situation; depriving them of information can be equally dangerous.

Why is Boeing behaving so differently than Johnson & Johnson? One advantage that the drug company had was that the Tylenol poisonings weren't its fault, so it had little to lose from being as open as possible. In the case of the Boeing 737 Max, as we're gradually learning, it's going to be hard to paint the company's actions in such blameless tones.

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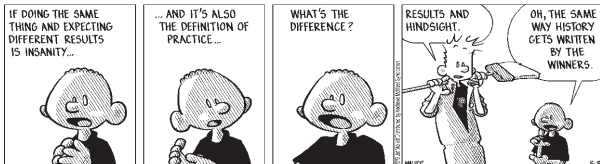


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# Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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## ACROSS

- 1 Appear
- 5 Commotion
- 8 Online auction site
- 12 Actress Fisher
- 13 Part of DJIA
- 14 Dell
- 15 Youthful countenance
- 17 Laundry appliance
- 18 Soft leather
- 19 Columns of light
- 21 Pro votes
- 24 Numerical prefix
- 25 July's stone
- 28 It ain't worth a nickel
- 30 Prattle
- 33 "Life — cabaret ..."
- 34 Stuns, as a perp
- 35 "Ball —"
- 36 Chum
- 37 Sharif of "Funny Girl"
- 38 Wild guess
- 39 Run after K
- 41 For fear that
- 43 "No cheating!"
- 46 Eucalyptus eater
- 50 Thames town
- 51 Temporary mental fatigue
- 54 Dazzle
- 55 Here, in Dijon
- 56 Slangy suffix

## DOWN

- 1 Bloodline sharers
- 2 Jacob's twin
- 3 North Sea feeder protector
- 4 "Help!"
- 5 Oklahoma city
- 6 Elmer, to Bugs
- 7 Has bills
- 8 Perrier rival
- 9 Brawl that's broken up by a bounce
- 10 Oodles
- 11 Desires
- 16 Tina of "30 Rock"
- 20 Colorations
- 22 Wax-coated cheese
- 23 Twine fiber
- 25 Wardrobe malfunction
- 26 "Suits" network
- 27 Jim Bouton book
- 29 Simple
- 31 Small battery
- 32 Clothing protector
- 34 Writer Morrison
- 38 Gems
- 40 Food from heaven
- 42 Enjoy Aspen
- 43 Optimum
- 44 Jazzy James
- 45 Baseball stats
- 47 Roundish "do
- 48 Lake bird
- 49 Awestruck
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- 53 Goal

## Answer to Previous Puzzle

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"UQCG ULLUQ GXBB JXGG."  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT TEAL-COLORED BARRIER MIGHT SOME POLICE BE WRAPPING AROUND A CRIME SCENE? CORDON BLUE.  
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## AUTO RACING/SOCCER

# Monday's been nice for Truex

## Driver wins at Dover

By DAN GELSTON  
Associated Press

DOVER, Del. — Martin Truex Jr. stood next to the 60-pound metallic gold Monster trophy on the Victory Lane stage and was uncertain about how many fingers he should flash for his celebratory photo.

"Two for the season or three for Dover?" Truex asked.

How about one of each?

Truex solved his snapshot situation about as efficiently as he weaved through traffic from the back of the field to win a Monday race at Dover International Speedway for the second time in his Cup career. Truex won his first career NASCAR Cup race on June 4, 2007, at Dover and 12 years later used another Sunday rainout to take the checkered flag.

"I'm going to lobby for all Dover races to be on Mondays," Truex said with a laugh.

He knows how to win on Sundays, too. Truex is warming up in his first season with Joe Gibbs Racing and won in the No. 19 Toyota for the second time in three races. Truex, the 2017 Cup champion, won at Richmond three weeks ago and is hitting his stride as the summer stretch approaches.

"We've had some really strong race cars at a lot of racetracks," Truex said. "For a lot of drivers, they've been able to show it, but have been issuing that set us back. It's been tough. The last couple weeks I just feel it's execution. We're doing all the little things right."

Truex and crew chief Cole Pearn didn't



Will Newton/AP

Driver Martin Truex Jr. celebrates on Monday after winning the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series race in Dover, Del.

let rain, an inspection failure that dumped the car to the rear or even a maligned race package affect their push toward the finish. Truex, who is from Mayetta, N.J., has long considered Dover his home track, led 132 laps and dominated runner-up Alex Bowman by a breezy 9.5 seconds to win at Dover for the first time since 2016.

He had no complaints about the new high drag, high downforce, 750-horsepower package that led to track-record speeds posted in qualifying.

Kyle Busch, the 2015 NASCAR champion, peppered his comments on the package with profanity and said his complaints to NASCAR would fall on deaf ears. Kevin Harvick said cars are "hard to race" under the package. Team owner Bob Leavine

tweeted he agreed with Busch and wrote "this package sucks."

Truex brushed off the complaints. "We all had to deal with the same thing," Truex said. "Obviously, we dealt with it better than everybody else."

Bowman finished second for the second straight week in the No. 88 Chevrolet. Kyle Larson, Harvick and Chase Elliott rounded out the top five. Elliott gave Hendrick Motorsports and Chevrolet their first wins of the season at Talladega last week. Bowman and Elliott made it another solid race for a manufacturer that was in dire need of a boost.

"We at least had a shot at it. It's really all you can ask for," Bowman said. "We had a miserable start to the season. We really did

a good job resetting in the off week."

But all the teams are chasing Gibbs.

JGR has seven wins in 11 races this season and has established itself as the team to beat.

"It's a big deal for us," Gibbs said. "As everybody knows, in pro sports these things can go and come very quick. The hardest thing to do is to stay up there."

Truex has been as reliable with Pearn in his first season with Gibbs as he was for years at the since-shuttered Furniture Row Racing. Truex, who has 21 career wins, made it to Victory Lane for the first time in 2007 but didn't win again until 2013. He hasn't sniffed much of a victory drought since 2015, winning 19 races and a series championship over that span.

# US Soccer files response to women's team's lawsuit

By ANNE M. PETERSON  
Associated Press

The U.S. Soccer Federation has formally denied allegations of gender discrimination made by players of the U.S. women's national team.

Twenty-eight members of the current women's player pool filed the lawsuit March 8 in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles under the Equal Pay Act and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, alleging "institutionalized gender discrimination" that includes unequal pay with their counterparts on the men's national team.

The USSF filed its answer on Monday, about one month before the Women's World Cup. The USSF claims every decision made "with respect to the conduct alleged in the complaint was for legitimate business reasons and not for any discriminatory or other unlawful purpose."

The federation has maintained the differences in pay are the



John Roudy/AP

The United States' Allie Long, right, blocks the path of Mexico's Renee Cuellar during a friendly on April 5 in Jacksonville, Fla. The U.S. Soccer Federation has formally denied allegations of gender discrimination made by members of the U.S. women's national team.

result of different collective bargaining agreements that establish distinct pay structures for the two teams. Those agreements are not public.

U.S. Soccer also maintained in the response that any alleged differences in pay between the men's and women's national teams were not based on gender, but "differences in the aggregate revenue generated by the different teams and/or any other factor other than sex."

"There is no legal basis for USSF's claim that it is anything other than a single employer operating both the men's and women's teams — who face drastically unequal conditions and pay under their shared employer," said Molly Levinson, a spokeswoman for the national team players who filed the lawsuit. "The USSF cannot justify its violation of the Equal Pay Act and Title VII by pointing to the teams' separate collective bargaining agreements or any factor other than sex. Even as the

most decorated American soccer team in history, USSF treats the women's team as 'less-than' equal compared to their male colleagues. We look forward to a trial next year after the World Cup."

The USSF and the women's team agreed in April 2017 to a collective bargaining agreement through 2021 that gave the players higher pay and better benefits. The federation claims the allegations do not rise to the level required for punitive damages because there is no evidence of malicious, reckless or fraudulent intent to deny the players their rights.

The lawsuit brought by current national team players is an escalation of a long-simmering dispute over pay and treatment.

Five players filed a complaint in 2016 with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that alleged wage discrimination by the federation. The lawsuit effectively ended that EEOC complaint.

## SPORTS BRIEFS/HORSE RACING

## Briefly

## Woods presented medal by Trump

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump awarded golfer Tiger Woods the nation's highest civilian honor on Monday, describing the 43-year-old as a "true legend" who transformed golf and then fought through years of injury to return to the sport's summit.

Trump awarded Woods with the Presidential Medal of Freedom. He's the fourth golfer to earn that distinction and certainly the youngest. While Woods dominated the sport for more than a decade, he won his first major in nearly 11 years at last month's Masters, a comeback that captivated the sporting world.

"Tiger was back on top," Trump declared during the Rose Garden ceremony.

If there were a Mount Rushmore for golfers, Woods would almost certainly be on it. He ranks second in PGA Tour wins and in major tournament victories. But the president's decision to award the nation's highest civilian honor to Woods also raised scrutiny about whether the president should be boosting the profile of a business associate of The Trump Organization.

Trump understood the importance of Woods' comeback to golf and its fans, tweeting shortly after the Masters win that he was awarding Woods the medal because of his "incredible Success & Comeback in Sports (Golf) and, more importantly, LIFE."

## Oilers hire longtime Red Wings exec Holland

EDMONTON, Alberta — The Edmonton Oilers hired longtime Detroit Red Wings executive Ken Holland as their new general manager and president of hockey operations Tuesday.

Holland takes over the struggling team from interim GM Keith Gretzky and one of his first tasks will be finding a new coach.



MANUEL BALCE CENTA/AP

President Donald Trump awards the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Tiger Woods during a ceremony Monday in the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington.

Veteran Ken Hitchcock will not be back next season after taking over in November for the fired Todd McLellan.

Edmonton has made the playoffs just once since advancing to the Stanley Cup Final in 2006, and the Oilers hope Holland is the GM who can finally build a contender around superstar captain Connor McDavid.

Holland certainly has the pedigree to do so, leading the Detroit Red Wings to 25 straight playoff appearances and four Stanley Cup titles. But after years of success, the Red Wings have missed the playoffs the last three seasons and were eliminated in the first round of the playoffs the three seasons before that.

## Banged-up Mets make flurry of pitching moves

SAN DIEGO — With two starters ailing, the New York Mets made a flurry of moves Monday to replenish their banged-up pitching staff.

First, the team obtained right-hander Wilmer Font from the Tampa Bay Rays for a player to be named or cash. Hours later, the Mets placed left-hander Jason Vargas on the 10-day injured list with a left hamstring injury and recalled right-hander Corey Oswalt from Triple-A Syracuse.

New York also activated lefty reliever Justin Wilson from the 10-day IL and optioned right-hander Tim Peterson to Syracuse. Two relievers remain on the injured list: Jeury's Familia with a sore shoulder, and Luis Avilan with a tender elbow.

In addition, manager Mickey Callaway said starter Steven Matz had an injection of cortisone and lidocaine after being sent back to New York to have a forearm nerve issue examined. Matz won't be able to throw for a few days and the left-hander will rejoin the club when it returns home later this week following the series in San Diego.



MATT SLOCUM/AP

Luis Saez rides Maximum Security, right, across the finish line ahead of Flavian Prat on Country House during Saturday's Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky. Country House was declared the winner after Maximum Security was disqualified following a review by race stewards.

## Kentucky Derby winner won't race in Preakness

By STEPHEN WHYNO

Associated Press

Kentucky Derby winner Country House will not run in the Preakness.

Assistant trainer Riley Mott confirmed to The Associated Press on Tuesday that the long-shot winner of horse racing's biggest event is no longer being considered for the second jewel of the Triple Crown. Country House was elevated to the winner's circle at the Kentucky Derby on Saturday after Maximum Security was disqualified for impeding other horses.

Country House's absence at the Preakness means there is no chance at a third Triple Crown winner in five years.

The Daily Racing Form was first to report that Country House was not running in the Preakness, citing trainer Bill Mott, who said the horse developed a cough and was "acting like he's going to get sick." Riley Mott, Bill Mott's son, provided no details to the AP about any possible illness.

Country House joins Maximum Security in skipping the Preakness.

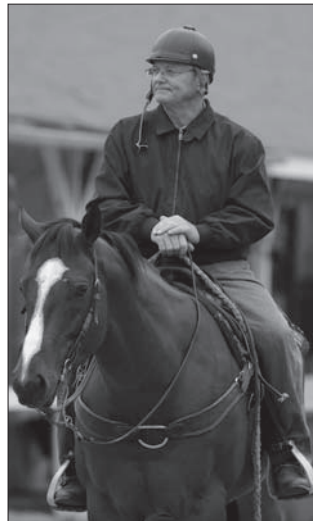
The 1 1/4-mile Preakness is May 18 at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore. Though shorter than the Kentucky Derby, the race requires a quick turnaround. Maximum Security owner Gary West didn't want to burden his colt with the Triple Crown off the table.

West on Monday appealed the decision to disqualify the horse from the Derby, which was quickly rejected by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission because the stewards' decision isn't subject to appeal.

Country House was 65-1 to win the Derby, the second-longest odds in the 145-year history of the race. It was the first time the horse who crossed the finish line first was not declared the winner.

Country House is the first Kentucky Derby winner not to enter the Preakness since Grindstone in 1996. Grindstone, who was found to have bone chips in one of his knees, was the first Derby winner to be retired immediately after that race since Bubbling Over in 1926.

The third jewel in the Triple Crown is the Bel-



CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

Trainer Bill Mott confirmed Tuesday that Kentucky Derby winner Country House won't compete in the Preakness after developing a cough.

mont Stakes in New York on June 8.  
American Pharoah won the Triple Crown in 2015 and Justify did it in 2018.

# MLB SCOREBOARD

## American League

East Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
Tampa Bay	22	12	.647
New York	18	17	.588
Boston	17	19	.472
Toronto	15	20	.429
Baltimore	14	22	.391
Central Division			
Minnesota	18	13	.576
Cleveland	18	15	.543
Detroit	16	18	.469
Chicago	15	19	.438
Kansas City	12	24	.333

West Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
Houston	21	14	.600
Seattle	19	16	.543
Texas	16	20	.444
Los Angeles	15	19	.441
Oakland	15	21	.417

## National League

East Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
Philadelphia	15	19	.438
Atlanta	18	17	.514
New York	16	19	.457
Washington	14	20	.412
Miami	10	24	.294
Central Division			
St. Louis	14	16	.460
Chicago	19	13	.594
Milwaukee	15	16	.485
Philadelphia	16	15	.516
Cincinnati	21	20	.514

West Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	23	14	.622
Arizona	20	18	.526
San Diego	20	16	.556
Colorado	16	19	.457
San Francisco	15	20	.429

**Monday's games**  
Chicago White Sox @ Cleveland 1  
N.Y. Yankees 7, Seattle 3  
Baltimore 4, Boston 1  
Minnesota 8, Toronto 0  
Tampa Bay 12, Arizona 1  
Houston 6, Kansas City 4  
Cincinnati 12, San Francisco 4  
Milwaukee 5, Washington 2  
Miami 6, Chicago Cubs 5  
St. Louis 6, Philadelphia 0  
L.A. Dodgers 5, Atlanta 3  
St. Diego 6, N.Y. Mets 0

**Tuesday's games**  
Chicago White Sox @ Cleveland  
Seattle at N.Y. Yankees  
Boston at Baltimore  
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia  
Minnesota at Toronto  
Arizona at Tampa Bay  
L.A. Angels at Detroit  
Kansas City at Houston  
Cleveland at Oakland  
Washington at Milwaukee  
Philadelphia at St. Louis  
Miami at Chicago Cubs  
San Francisco at Colorado  
L.A. Dodgers @ N.Y. Mets  
N.Y. Mets at San Diego  
**Wednesday's games**  
Texas (Miller 1-2) at Pittsburgh (King-Henry 1-0)  
Arizona (Ray 1-2) at Tampa Bay (Morton 3-0)  
Chicago White Sox (Lopez 2-4) at Cleveland (Bieber 2-1)  
Detroit (Kilachini 1-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Loaigia 1-0)  
Boston (Sale 1-5) at Baltimore (Cashman 1-0)  
Minnesota (Gibson 2-1) at Toronto (Thurston 3-1)  
L.A. Angels (Skaggs 3-2) at Detroit (Peacock 2-2)  
Kansas City (Lopez 3-0) at Houston (Anderson 4-2)  
Washington (Hellickson 2-0) at Milwaukee (Woodruff 4-1)  
Pittsburgh (Eckhoff 1-1) at St. Louis (Flaherty 3-2)  
N.Y. Mets (TBD) at Chicago (Strahm 1-2)  
Miami (Urena 1-5) at Chicago Cubs (Cabrera 1-0)  
San Francisco (Holland 1-4) at Colorado (Gray 3-3)  
Atlanta (Folkynevic 1-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 1-0)

## Monday

### Dodgers 5, Braves 3

Atlanta			
Team	W	L	Pct
Albies	4	0	1.000
Driscoll	3	0	1.000
Framb	3	0	1.000
Acnr Jr.	4	0	1.000
Mkakis Jr.	4	1	.800
McGinn	4	1	.800
Surge	3	0	1.000
Gausman	3	0	1.000
Dayton	3	0	1.000
Newcomb	3	0	1.000
Webb	3	0	1.000
Totals	32	9	.779

### Los Angeles

Los Angeles			
Team	W	L	Pct
Albies	4	0	1.000
Driscoll	3	0	1.000
Framb	3	0	1.000
Acnr Jr.	4	0	1.000
Mkakis Jr.	4	1	.800
McGinn	4	1	.800
Surge	3	0	1.000
Gausman	3	0	1.000
Dayton	3	0	1.000
Newcomb	3	0	1.000
Webb	3	0	1.000
Totals	32	9	.779

### Atlanta

Atlanta			
Team	W	L	Pct
Albies	4	0	1.000
Driscoll	3	0	1.000
Framb	3	0	1.000
Acnr Jr.	4	0	1.000
Mkakis Jr.	4	1	.800
McGinn	4	1	.800
Surge	3	0	1.000
Gausman	3	0	1.000
Dayton	3	0	1.000
Newcomb	3	0	1.000
Webb	3	0	1.000
Totals	32	9	.779

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## Padres 4, Mets 0

New York			
Team	W	L	Pct
McNeill Jr.	4	0	1.000
Palms Jr.	4	0	1.000
Cano	3	0	1.000
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## MLB

## Roundup

# Yankees surprise Felix, back up Sabathia

Associated Press

NEW YORK — It had been a decade since pitchers with so many combined punchouts started the same game.

In this showdown between Felix Hernandez and CC Sabathia, the New York Yankees landed their haymakers early.

The Yankees pounced on Hernandez, hitting three homers in the first two innings to build a comfortable cushion for Sabathia in a 7-3 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Monday night.

Luke Voit, Brett Gardner and Thairo Estrada homered off Hernandez, while New York gave Sabathia a 7-0 lead and held on for its 12th win in 16 games. Hernandez (1-3) settled in after the second, completing five innings of seven-run ball.

Hernandez had allowed just two homers in 12 career starts in the Bronx. He allowed three in seven batters Monday.

"One of those nights when I didn't have my best stuff," Hernandez said.

Domingo Santana and Dee Gordon homered off Sabathia, but the oversized lefty limited Seattle to three runs over five innings. Sabathia (2-1) struck out five in his first start since becoming the 17th pitcher with 3,000 strikeouts last week.

Sabathia and Hernandez entered with a combined 5,498 strikeouts, the most between opposing starters since San Francisco's Randy Johnson (4,867) faced Houston's Roy Oswalt (1,418) in 2009.

Sabathia struck out Mitch Haniger on three pitches to start the game and cruised the first time through the order. He lost steam in the fifth, loading the bases with a four-pitch walk to Santana with two outs before breaking Jay Bruce's bat on a groundout to first on his 99th pitch.

Hernandez had been sharper this season than during a dismal 2018, relying more on his curveball and doing a better job throwing strikes. Manager Scott Servais said Hernandez got away from that approach in the Bronx.

"He really didn't get into kind of what he does, or what he's been doing, using



KATHY WILLEMS/AP

**Seattle Mariners starting pitcher Felix Hernandez looks at the ball after allowing a two-run home run to the New York Yankees' Luke Voit during the first inning Monday in New York. Hernandez allowed three home runs over seven batters. He had previously allowed just two home runs in 12 career starts in the Bronx.**

the curveball and kind of going back and forth," Servais said. "You've got to give them credit. They were on it, and they didn't miss it."

Estrada went the other way to right-center for his first major league homer in the

second, getting an extended silent treatment in the home dugout after rounding the bases.

"You see the way we didn't acknowledge him," Sabathia said with a smile. "That always tells you that we care a lot about a guy."

**Rays 12, Diamondbacks 1:** Reigning AL Cy Young Award winner Blake Snell took a perfect game into the sixth inning and Tommy Pham hit his first career grand slam, leading host Tampa Bay.

Snell (3-3) rebounded from allowing a career-high seven runs over three innings of an 8-2 loss at Kansas City last week to hold the Diamondbacks without a hit until Ildemaro Vargas singled with two outs in the sixth. Snell got out of the inning and finished with nine strikeouts in an 83-pitch outing.

**Padres 4, Mets 0:** Pumped-up rookie Chris Paddack struck out a career-high 11 to outduel NL Cy Young Award winner Jacob deGrom, and Hunter Renfroe homered for host San Diego against New York.

**Dodgers 5, Braves 3:** Walker Buehler shook off a rough playoff start against Atlanta last year, matching a season high with eight strikeouts while pitching host Los Angeles to victory.

Chris Taylor had two RBIs as the Dodgers extended their home winning streak to eight games.

**Marlins 6, Cubs 5:** Pedro Strop walked three batters in the ninth inning and Miami took advantage, rallying for three runs to halt host Chicago's winning streak at seven games.

Chicago led 4-3 entering the ninth, but Strop (1-2) walked Rosell Herrera to force in the tying run with nobody out. The last-place Marlins got two more runs on a grounder and a comebacker with Kyle Ryan on the mound.

**White Sox 9, Indians 1:** Tim Anderson chased Trevor Bauer after the All-Star tweeted a playful message to Anderson earlier in the day. Yoan Moncada had a two-run homer and four RBIs, and Chi-

cago routed host Cleveland to stop a three-game losing streak.

**Reds 12, Giants 4:** Nick Senzel hit a leadoff homer after a swarm of bees finally left home plate, and the rookie connected again his next time up, leading host Cincinnati past San Francisco.

The wild game included a record-tying four Reds getting plunked in one inning. Giants third baseman Pablo Sandoval pitched the eighth and also hit a batter.

The first pitch was delayed 18 minutes as bees swarmed above the backstop screen, prompting umpires and players to keep a safe distance before the bees flew away.

**Brewers 5, Nationals 3:** A long night and day of travel for Washington got even worse when it wasted a pair of leads, made four errors and lost to host Milwaukee.

The Nationals' charter flight was delayed eight hours as the plane sat on the tarmac at Philadelphia because of mechanical problems Sunday night. They finally got off the plane about 3 a.m. and returned to their hotel, then headed to Milwaukee on Monday and arrived after noon.

**Twins 8, Blue Jays 0:** Martin Perez and two relievers combined on a three-hitter, Eddie Rosario hit his AL-leading 12th home run and Minnesota blanked host Toronto.

**Cardinals 6, Phillies 0:** Miles Mikolas pitched seven stellar innings and Yadier Molina hit one of three home runs as host St. Louis beat Philadelphia.

Matt Carpenter and Paul DeJong also went deep as the Cardinals snapped a four-game skid. Mikolas (4-2) allowed only three hits in his second-longest outing this season.

**Orioles 4, Red Sox 1:** Jonathan Villar hit a grand slam, John Means handcuffed Boston's tortoise offense over seven innings and host Baltimore won.

**Astros 6, Royals 4:** George Springer, Carlos Correa and Robinson Chirinos each homered to lead host Houston past Kansas City.

## Disaster: Jeter hopeful for turnaround

## FROM BACK PAGE

"You can't let it get to you," reliever Drew Steckenrider said of the team's ugly record. "Obviously it's frustrating, but nobody wants to think about that. You just have to take every day as a new day and a new opportunity."

Miami was beaten again Sunday by Atlanta to complete a series sweep. In the postgame clubhouse, magazines stacked on a table advertised Yelich as a likely repeat National League MVP, as if mocking the Marlins.

Heading into a seven-game trip that began Monday night with a win in Chicago, they had been outscored this year by 73 runs, an average of more than two per game. Their record was 6-15 at home and 3-9 on the road. They had three regulars batting over .250, and while left-hander Caleb Smith was 4-16, the rest of the rotation was 4-16.

"I'm not happy," Jeter said. "Michael Hill is not happy. Donnie is not happy. I'm sure the

players are not happy."

The offense is especially abysmal, ranking last in the majors in runs, doubles, triples, home runs, RBIs, walks, slugging and OPS. The Marlins haven't hit a triple or a homer with more than one man on base.

Jeter, Hill and Mattingly believe the team is underachieving, but that's debatable. The Marlins finished last in the majors in 2018 in runs, home runs, slugging and OPS, and that was with Realmuto. They don't have a player who hit over .278 last year, or hit more than 12 homers.

Miami hoped for improvement from center fielder Lewis Brinson, the centerpiece acquisition in the Yelich trade. But he was batting .197 when demoted last week to the minors.

Curtis Granderson and Neil Walker were signed to provide veteran leadership, which they've done. But Granderson began the week batting .176, and Walker was at .250 with five RBIs. It's all too familiar for Walker,

who played on Pittsburgh Pirates teams that lost 99 and 105 games.

"You learn a lot more from the tough times than from the good times," he said. "You've just got to keep your head up."

The Marlins fired batting coach Mike Pagliarulo, but that didn't help. They scored 13 runs during last week's five-game homestand.

Jeter also fired president of business operations Chip Bowers last week. The Marlins said that attendance wasn't a factor, and that Bowers wasn't involved in negotiations for TV and ballpark naming rights that have yet to produce deals.

Regardless, long-standing fan apathy congeals around the new ownership. The team is averaging 9,668 fans per game at Marlins Park, less than last season and last in the majors.

Reversing the attendance pattern will likely take years. If Jeter's right, improvement in the win-loss percentage will come sooner.



LYNNE SLADKY/AP

**Miami Marlins CEO Derek Jeter, left, shakes hands with manager Don Mattingly before a game last week in Miami. Jeter, Mattingly and president of baseball operations Michael Hill believe that MLB-worst Miami is underachieving.**

"No. 1, you keep working," Mattingly said. "And then you don't accept it. We can't accept that this is the way it's going to be all year

long. There's a lot of baseball to be played." Even the Marlins can't lose 'em all.

## NHL PLAYOFFS

## Bruins close out Blue Jackets

By MITCH STACY  
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Boston Bruins got some timely goals in their tight Eastern Conference semifinal series with Columbus, and when the goals weren't coming, Tuukka Rask stood tall.

The Finn turned in his best playoff performance so far in Monday's 3-0 win over the Blue Jackets in Game 6 that clinched the series and propelled the Bruins into the conference final against Carolina.

The Blue Jackets played hard and forechecked well enough to win every game, but were 0-for-10 on power-play chances in the final three games of the series, all won by Boston. Much of that was due to Rask, who had 39 saves Monday and did his part to shut down four Columbus power plays.

"We are halfway to our goal," said forward David Backes, who scored Boston's final goal in the third period. "You need to relish the plateaus along the way. We are certainly at one of those to be among the final four teams. We've had to sacrifice to win some games against some really good teams.

"Now we can enjoy this for a day then have a happy flight home (Tuesday), then get ready for Carolina, who is well respected and ready for us," he said.

David Krejci and Jereb Johansson also scored for the Bruins in Game 6. David Pastrnak led the Bruins with four goals in the six games against Columbus.

"It was tight until the end," Krejci said. "We learned from it and closed it out tonight the way



The Blue Jackets' Alexandre Texier, right, tries to steal the puck from the Boston Bruins' Sean Rucaly during the first period of Game 6 of their second-round playoff series Monday in Columbus, Ohio.

we wanted to."

Boston won the first game of the series in overtime, then fell to the Blue Jackets in OT in Game 2 and lost Game 3 by a goal before ripping off the final three victories.

The Bruins are advancing to the Eastern Conference finals

for the first time since the 2012-13 season, when they lost in the Stanley Cup final.

Carolina swept the New York Islanders in their second-round series.

"If you're playing this time of year, you're doing something right," Rask said. "You've built

something great as a team. We're super happy that we're in the position. Trying to keep the train rolling."

Boston coach Bruce Sullivan said Carolina is a mix between hard-hitting Columbus and the quickness of Toronto, which Boston beat in the opening round.

## Scoreboard

## Conference semifinals

## (Best-of-seven)

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

## Boston 4, Columbus 2

Boston 3, Columbus 2, OT

Columbus 3, Boston 2, 2OT

Columbus 2, Boston 1

Boston 4, Columbus 1

Boston 4, Columbus 3

Monday: Boston 3, Columbus 0

Carolina 1, N.Y. Islanders 0

Carolina 2, N.Y. Islanders 1

Carolina 5, Islanders 2

Carolina 5, N.Y. Islanders 2

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

Dallas 3, St. Louis 3

St. Louis 3, Dallas 2

Dallas 4, St. Louis 2

St. Louis 4, Dallas 3

Dallas 4, St. Louis 1

St. Louis 4, Dallas 1

Tuesday: at St. Louis

## San Jose 3, Colorado 3

San Jose 5, Colorado 2

Colorado 4, San Jose 3

San Jose 4, Colorado 2

Colorado 3, San Jose 0

San Jose 2, Colorado 1

Monday: Colorado 4, San Jose 3, OT

Wednesday: at San Jose

APN-Sports2, 1 a.m. Thursday CET; 8 a.m. Thursday JET

## Monday

Bruins 3, Blue Jackets 0  
Boston 0 1 2-3  
Columbus 0 0 0-0

Second Period—1, Boston, Krejci 4 (Clifton, Delruski, 12:39)

Third Period—2, Boston, Johansson 2 (Heinen, Coyles, 8:58, 3, Boston, Backes 1 (Krug, Krejci, 10:39)

Shots on Goal—Boston 12-5-12—29, Columbus 10-17-12—39

Power-play opportunities—Boston 0 of 1; Columbus 0 of 4

Goalies—Boston, Rask 8-5 (39 shots-39 saves), Columbus, Bobrovsky 6-4 (29-26), A—19,219 (18,500), T—2:39.

## Avalanche 4, Sharks 3 (OT)

San Jose 0 2 1 0-3  
Colorado 0 0 2 1-4

Second Period—1, Colorado, Jost 2 (Compton, Coyles, 8:26, 6, San Jose, Vlasic 2 (Meier, Nyquist), 14:36, 3, Colorado, Compher 3 (Soderberg, Kerfoot), 18:44, 4, San Jose, Burns 5 (Karlsson), 19:50.

Third Period—5, Colorado, Compher 4 (Grasman, Wilton), 6:06, 6, San Jose, Vlasic 3 (Nyquist, Couture), 17:32.

Shots on Goal—Colorado, Landeskog 3 (Makar), 2:32; San Jose 5-8-6-1—22.

Power-play opportunities—San Jose 0 of 1; Colorado 0 of 4

Goalies—San Jose, Jones 7-5 (26 shots-22 saves), Colorado, Grubauer 7-4 (22-25), A—18,098 (18,007), T—2:54.

## Landeskog's OT goal helps Avs tie series with Sharks

By PAT GRAHAM  
Associated Press

DENVER — Gabriel Landeskog's first career overtime playoff goal was a bit complicated: Dump in the puck, hit a guy along the boards, fall down, scramble back up, skate toward the net and knock it in.

The captain's reaction right after was not — a big, toothy grin with arms raised to greet eager teammates.

Landeskog scored 2:32 into overtime after Colorado squandered a late lead in regulation and the Avalanche beat the San Jose Sharks 4-3 on Monday night to force a decisive Game 7 in their Western Conference semifinal series.

"To do that, on home ice, it's very exciting," Landeskog said. "I haven't been happy with my offensive output this time of year. I haven't been dangerous enough."

He was certainly a danger on the final play. Landeskog charged after a puck he banged into the zone and then hit Erik Karlsson with enough force to knock off the Sharks' defenseman's helmet. Landeskog got back up, took the pass from rookie defenseman Cale Makar and sent it by Martin Jones to help the Avalanche escape elimination.

Game 7 is Wednesday in San Jose. The winner will play either Dallas or St. Louis in the conference final. The Stars and Blues played Game 7 in St. Louis on Tuesday.



Avalanche left wing Gabriel Landeskog, center, is congratulated by teammates Samuel Girard, left, Nathan MacKinnon, right, and Cale Makar after scoring the game-winning, overtime goal Monday against the San Jose Sharks in Game 6 of their second-round playoff series in Denver. Colorado won 4-3 to even the series and force Game 7.

The Sharks are 7-4 all-time in Game 7s, including an overtime win over Vegas in the first round, while the Avalanche have a 4-6 mark since relocating to the Mile High City.

"Sixty minutes away from a Western Conference final," Landeskog said. "Who would have thought before the season? ... The last thing they wanted to do was play another one in San Jose. We accomplished step No. 1 and now we have to regroup and win another one."

J.T. Compher scored twice and had an assist, while Tyson Jost added another goal.

Philipp Grubauer made 19 saves, including a pad save on Tomas Hertl early in OT.

Marc-Edouard Vlasic scored twice, including the tying goal off the skate of an Avalanche defenseman with 2:28 remaining, and Brent Burns added another for the Sharks, who overcame one-goal deficits on three occasions.

"We were positive. We felt like we could win this game," Sharks forward Logan Couture said. "We just needed a little bit more. We needed a little bit more people involved in the game."

This has been a back-and-forth series. San Jose captured Game 1 and the two have alternated wins the rest of the way. The combine score in the series is 17-16 in favor of the Sharks.

## NBA PLAYOFFS

## Scoreboard

## Conference semifinals

(Best-of-seven; x-if necessary)

**Eastern Conference**  
**Milwaukee 3, Boston 1**  
 Boston 112, Milwaukee 90  
 Milwaukee 123, Boston 102  
 Milwaukee 123, Boston 116  
**Monday: Milwaukee 113, Boston 101**  
**Wednesday: Milwaukee 113, Boston 101**  
**X-Friday: at Boston**  
**X-Monday, May 13: at Milwaukee**  
**Philadelphia 2, Toronto 2**  
 Toronto 108, Philadelphia 95  
 Philadelphia 94, Toronto 89  
 Philadelphia 116, Toronto 95  
 Toronto 101, Philadelphia 96  
**Tuesday: at Toronto**  
**Thursday: at Philadelphia**  
**X-Sunday: at Toronto**
**Western Conference**  
**Golden State 2, Houston 1**  
 Golden State 104, Houston 100  
 Golden State 115, Houston 109  
 Houston 126, Golden State 121, OT  
**Monday: Houston 117, Golden State 108**  
**Wednesday: at Golden State**  
**Friday, May 10: at Houston**  
**X-Sunday: at Golden State**  
**Portland 2, Denver 2**  
 Denver 121, Portland 113  
 Portland 97, Denver 90  
 Portland 140, Denver 137, 4OT  
 Denver 116, Portland 112  
**Tuesday: at Denver**  
**Thursday: at Portland**  
**X-Sunday: at Denver**

## Monday

## Rockets 112, Warriors 108

**GOLDEN STATE** — Igouda 3-0 2-7, Durant 12-22 10-34, D.Green 6-11 3-5 15, Curry 12-22 2-30, Thompson 5-15 0-11, McKinnie 1-2 0-2, Bell 0-0 0-0, Looney 2-2 4-7, Cook 0-0 0-0, Livingston 1-4 0-0, 2. Totals 42-93 18-36  
**HOUSTON** — Gordon 6-17 6-20, Tucker 12-22 2-7, Capela 3-2 2-6, Paul 4-11 3-4 13, Harden 13-25 6-38, Nene 0-0 0-0, Rivers 4-10 0-10, D.Green 1-2 0-3, Shumpert 2-4 0-2 5. Totals 39-89 17-24 11

**Golden State** 26 30 24 —10-12  
**Houston** 25 36 32 —19-12  
 Three-point goals—Golden State 8, 33 (Curry 4-14, Durant 2-6, Igouda 1-4, Thompson 1-2, Livingston 1-2), Houston 6-17, McKinnie 0-1, Houston 17 (Harden 6-17, Tucker 3-6, Rivers 2-5, Paul 2-6, D.Green 0-2, Gordon 1-2, Livingston 1-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Golden State 42 (D.Green 10, Harden 13, Paul 5, Cook 6, Hill 6, McKinnie 1, Shumpert 1), Houston 34 (Curry 6, Houston 18 (Paul 5), Total 40-105 (18,500).

## Bucks 113, Celtics 101

**MILWAUKEE** — Mirocic 3-10 2-4 9, Antetokounmpo 15-22 7-10 39, Lopez 3-7 0-0, Middleton 12-13 3-3, Middleton 4-19 3-13, Ilyasova 3-9 0-0 6, Frazier 0-0 0-0 0, Hill 6-6 1-2 15, Connaughton 2-5, S.Brown 1-3 0-2, Snell 0-0 0-0, Totals 44-106 18-36  
**BOSTON** — Tatum 6-14 4-5 17, Morris 5-10 7-11 18, Horford 8-16 1-1 20, Irving 7-22 8-23, J.Brown 5-11 4-4 16, Hayward 1-5 0-2, Ojeleye 0-0 0-0, Baynes 0-0 0-0, Rondo 2-5 0-2, Smart 1-7 0-3, Totals 34-90 24 30-1.

**Milwaukee** 22 25 33 —11-3  
**Boston** 30 19 23 —10-11  
 Three-point goals—Milwaukee 8-37 (Antetokounmpo 2-5, Middleton 2-10, Connaughton 1-2, Hill 1-3, Lopez 1-4, Mirocic 1-5, S.Brown 0-2, Ilyasova 0-2, Medsco 0-4), Boston 3-8 (Horford 3-8, J.Brown 2-5, Morris 1-4, Tatum 1-5, Irving 1-7, Smart 1-7, Hayward 0-2, Rozier 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Milwaukee 44 (Antetokounmpo 16, Middleton 11, Mirocic 10, Lopez 10, Snell 10), Celtics 34 (Irving 10, Horford 10, Smart 10, Baynes 10, Rondo 10). Totals 113-101 (18,624).

## Playoff leaders

Scoring					
	G	FG	FT	PTS	AST
Durant, GOR	10	114	96	354	35.4
Leonard, TOR	9	105	54	291	32.3
Horford, BOS	8	88	67	234	28.4
Lillard, POR	5	89	61	274	30.4
George, OKC	9	84	40	143	28.6
Antetokounmpo, MIL	8	74	69	227	28.4
McCollum, POR	9	87	24	228	25.3
Jokic, DEN	8	75	49	229	24.5
Curry, GOR	10	74	49	233	23.3
Draymond, GOR	9	89	37	239	22.2
Irving, BOS	8	63	34	177	22.1
DeRozan, SAC	8	58	38	154	22.0
Murray, DEN	11	59	37	239	21.8
Williams, LAC	8	64	34	130	21.7
Klay, GOR	10	76	37	214	21.4
Embiid, PHI	8	52	30	171	21.4
Siakam, TOR	9	78	23	191	21.3
LeVert, BRO	8	51	21	105	21.0
Rebounds					
	G	OFF	DEF	TOTAL	AST
Drummond, DET	4	20	32	52	130
Jokic, DEN	8	11	36	67	126
Antetokounmpo, MIL	8	19	75	94	118
Embiid, PHI	8	18	68	106	108
Klay, GOR	10	17	71	102	102
Gordon, UTA	5	23	28	51	102
Assists					
	G	AST	FT	DET	TOTAL
Westbrook, OKC	9	11	102	9.3	9.3
Jokic, DEN	8	5	43	8.6	8.6
Rubio, UTA	8	5	43	8.6	8.6
Irving, BOS	8	6	62	7.8	7.8
Williams, LAC	6	46	7.7	7.7	7.7

## Harden helps Rockets get even

By KRISTIE RIEKEN  
Associated Press

HOUSTON — James Harden and the Houston Rockets dug out of a 0-2 hole to even their Western Conference semifinals series with the Golden State Warriors after another game where they fought, scrapped and held off a late rally to get a victory.

Harden scored 38 points and the Rockets got a 112-108 win on Monday night to even the best-of-seven series at 2-2.

"When you're dealing with these guys, if you let Klay (Thompson) and Steph (Curry) run around and shoot threes you don't have no chance," Harden said. "The only chance we have is to be in to their bodies and make every shot that they take contested."

The Rockets were up by nine before Golden State scored the next seven points, capped by a three from Stephen Curry, to get within 101-108 with 19 seconds left. Harden made one of two free throws with 11.5 seconds left. Kevin Durant missed a three after that. But the Warriors got the rebound and Curry also missed a three-point attempt before Golden State was forced to foul Chris Paul.

"We got a couple of wide-open looks," Durant said. "They just didn't fall for us."

Paul made one of two free throws with 2.9 seconds left to secure the victory.

Golden State coach Steve Kerr was asked about the physical play of the Rockets, who have several players who are much stronger than his squad.

"They've got a lot of middle

linebackers on that team," he said. "They're sturdy and we're like volleyball players, long and lean...everybody tries to be physical with us because they should. That's the best way to try to beat us."

After losing the first two games of the series on the road, the Rockets head back to Golden State for Game 5 on Wednesday night with momentum on their side after their overtime win in Game 3 before Monday night's victory.

The Warriors got 34 points from Kevin Durant, who had 46 in the Game 3 loss. Curry, who was criticized after shooting 7-for-23 in Game 3, got off to a good start, scoring 11 points in the first quarter. He cooled off after that, but finished with 30 points on 12-for-25 shooting.

"I didn't think we got great shots for much of the night," Kerr said. "We've got to be more poised and that has to be a focus."

Eric Gordon added 20 points for Houston and P.J. Tucker had 17 points and 10 rebounds.

Despite two straight wins, the Rockets still don't think they've played their best.

"We've got to be better," Tucker said. "We've got to be more aggressive. We've got to pick it up."

Houston made 17 of its 50 three-point attempts, while the Warriors shot just 8-for-33 from downtown with Curry making just 4 of his 14 attempts.

The Rockets were up by nine after three and used an 8-2 run, with four points from Harden, to open the fourth and extend the lead to 101-86. Golden State used an 8-3 run, with six points from



ERIC CHRISTIAN SMITH/AP

Rockets guard James Harden, right, is fouled by Warriors guard Shaun Livingston during the second half Monday in Houston.

Draymond Green, to cut it to 104-94 midway through the quarter.

Houston had a 10-point lead with about four minutes left before a 5-2 run by the Warriors within 108-101.

Green was shaken up when Harden inadvertently knocked him in the head on the follow through after he made a three-

pointer that put Houston up 79-59 with nine minutes left in the third quarter. Green fell to the court where he remained holding the left side of his head for a couple of minutes. The Warriors called a timeout and he collected himself and remained in the game. The lead grew to 77-60 before Golden State got going.

## Bench boosts Rockets to 3-1 series lead

By JIMMY GOLEN

Associated Press

BOSTON — When Giannis Antetokounmpo picked up his fourth foul early in the third quarter of a tie game, the Boston Celtics sensed a chance to pull away.

Instead, Milwaukee took control.

Of the game, and the series.

Antetokounmpo watched the Bucks bench open a double-digit lead, then returned with a dominating fourth quarter to finish with 39 points and 16 rebounds as Milwaukee beat Boston 113-101 on Monday night to move one win from its first trip to the Eastern Conference finals since 2001.

"If we're honest with you, when Giannis and Khris (Middleton) go the bench, you're concerned," Bucks coach Mike Budenholzer said after his reserves outscored Boston's 32-7 in the game and turned a 59-all tie at the 78-68 lead. "But you have confidence that that group can play."

George Hill scored 15 points — nine in the third quarter — and Pat Connaughton had 14 points and 10 rebounds off the bench for Milwaukee, which outscored Boston's bench 42-16 in Game 3. After sitting out the last 8:18 of the third quarter, Antetokounmpo scored 17 points with seven rebounds in the fourth to help the Bucks pull away.

"It's always hard to take out Giannis; let's start there. But at the end of the day, we are concerned of trying to keep him fresh," Budenholzer said. "It's hard to find the words [for]



MICHAEL DRYER/AP

The Bucks' Giannis Antetokounmpo grabs a rebound over the Celtics' Terry Rozier, left, and Jaylen Brown on Monday in Boston.

what he does for our team, both ends of the court. He's special, but he's very hungry. He wants more, and he's playing that way."

The Bucks have won three straight since losing the opener of the best-of-seven series at home and can eliminate the Celtics in Game 5 at home on Wednesday night. They have not reached the East finals since the '01 team led by Ray Allen and Glenn Robinson fell to Philadelphia's Allen Iverson and Dikembe Mutombo in seven games.

"Good players, when they have an opportunity like this, they don't waste it," Antetokounmpo said. "At the end of the day, I've got to do whatever it takes to help my team win."

**Summer times** In what might be his last home game for the Celtics, Kyrie Irving scored 23 points with 10 assists. But he was 7-for-22 from the floor, including 1-for-7 from three-point range.

"Who cares? I'm a basketball player," said the six-time All-Star, who can become a free agent this summer. "I'm trying to do it all. For me, the 22 shots — I should have shot 30."

After leading all scorers with 26 points in Boston's Game 1 blowout, Irving has made 19 of 62 shots and just 4 of 20 from three-point range. He left the court with a few seconds remaining on the clock; many in the crowd had already headed for the exits, but a lone fan shouted at Irving, "Don't leave!"

"I know probably to the outside world we probably don't stand much of a chance," said Celtics Center Al Horford, who scored 20. "We're at a low point as a group, I guess that's the reality. We'll have to bring that fight to them on Wednesday."

Boston led 67-65 before Milwaukee scored 13 of the next 14 points — seven of them by Hill, and all of them with Antetokounmpo on the bench — to open a double-digit lead.

"Yeah that was killer," Celtics coach Brad Stevens said. "Their bench comes in, they've had no dropoff. Connaughton's been excellent. George Hill's been absolutely tremendous."



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# Headed for disaster?

## Marlins on pace for 100 losses

BY STEVEN WINE  
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The Marlins' Starlin Castro walks to the dugout after grounding out during the fourth inning Sunday against the Braves in Miami. With the worst record in the majors, and the lowest attendance, the Marlins appear headed for the worst season in their history.

LYNNE SLADKY/AP

MIAMI — Derek Jeter says the Miami Marlins are better than this. If he's wrong, the woebegone franchise is headed for its worst season yet. The Marlins began the week with the worst record in the majors at 9-24 (.274), which put them on pace to finish 44-118. That's bad, even for a franchise that hasn't had a winning season since 2009 and hasn't been to the playoffs since 2003.

Manager Don Mattingly said he tells his players to stay positive, but "it's hard to say everything is great when you're 9-and-whatever," he said. "I don't even know what we are. I know it's not very good. It's not a great feeling."

It's a new feeling for Jeter, the perennial postseason presence for two decades as the shortstop for the New York Yankees. In his second season as Marlins CEO, Jeter is rebuilding the franchise from the bottom up.

There are signs of improvement in a farm system bereft of talent when Jeter's group bought the franchise 19 months ago. Trades swung by Jeter and president of baseball operations Michael Hill helped to restock the minors, and the outlook is especially bright regarding young pitching.

But the big league team has backslid since Jeter took over, in part because he traded away All-Stars Christian Yelich, Giancarlo Stanton, Marcell Ozuna, Dee Gordon and J.T. Realmuto.

The Marlins appear headed for their first 100-loss season since 2013 and could eclipse the 1998 team record of 108 defeats.

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